

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

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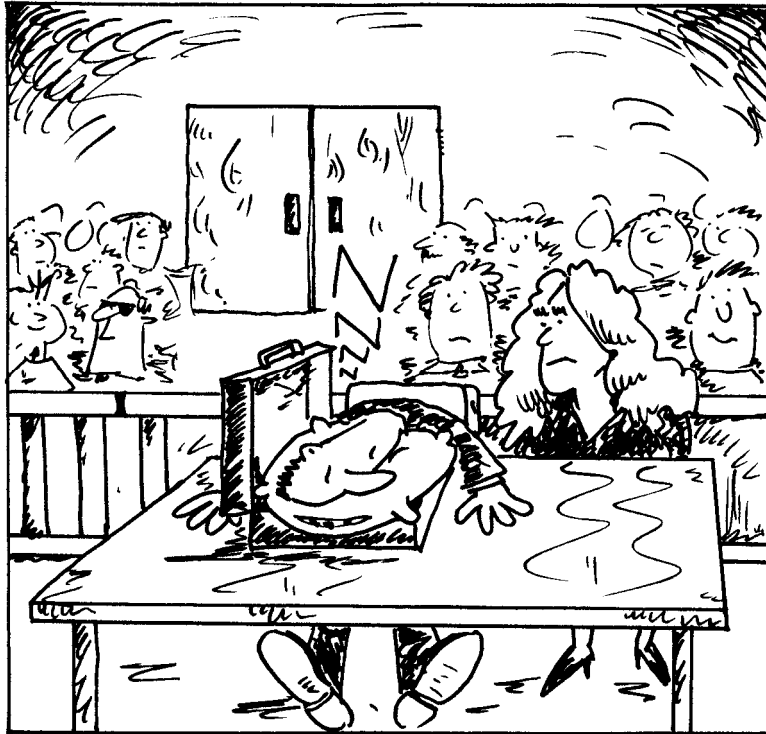
You be the Judge

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You be the Judge is a legal puzzle designed to exercise your mind and reasoning power. Read the facts of this real life court case. Then put your judgment against that of the real jury or trial judge.

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13. The Tired Lawyer



Andrea was represented in a criminal case by a very tired lawyer. Her lawyer had several cases he was handling and had been working late most evenings preparing for trial. Because of his very hectic schedule, he was very tired and slept through a substantial portion of Andrea's trial. There was an overwhelming amount of physical and testimonial evidence that pointed to her guilt. After the jury heard the evidence and deliberated for three days Andrea was eventually found guilty by the jury. Andrea appealed her conviction on the grounds that she lacked proper counsel in spite of the fact her lawyer had twenty years of experience in criminal trials. Andrea could not, however, point to any actual visible harm or procedural errors in how her case was handled because of her lawyer's naps.

Should Andrea's appeal be allowed and grant her a new trial?

How do you think the case should have been decided?
