

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

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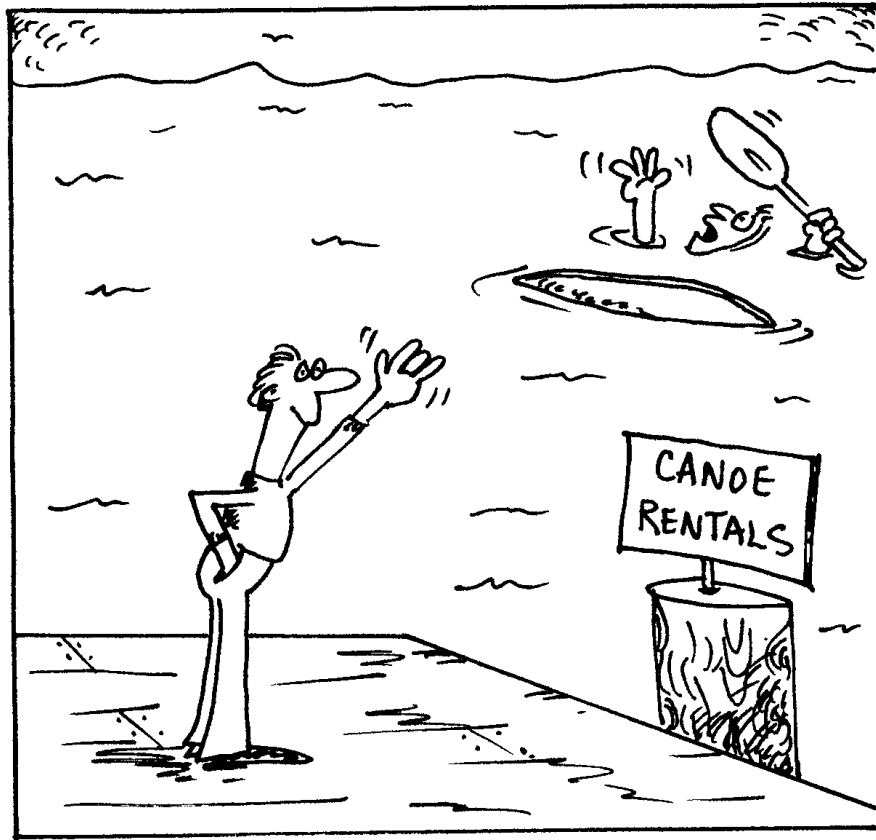
You be the Judge

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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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15. Help Is Summoned—But No One Answers



Bob owned an aquatics equipment store near a very popular river. On a bright sunny afternoon in July, Bob rented a one man canoe to a customer named Sam, who went out on the river in the canoe. The canoe overturned when Sam tried to change positions by standing up in the canoe. Sam called for help and several people looked at him from the banks of the river but did nothing to help. Bob, a good swimmer, also heard the calls but ignored them as well. As a result of receiving no help Sam drowned in the river. Sam's estate sues Bob for damages because they felt Bob had a duty to try and help Sam since he had rented him the canoe.

Does Sam's estate recover?

How do you think the case should have been decided?
