

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Opening Activity

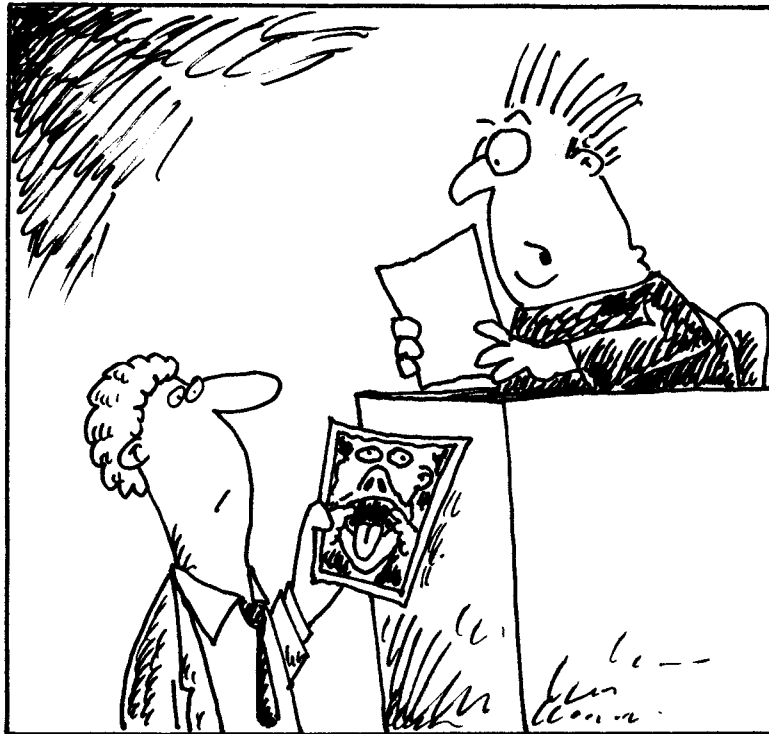
You be the Judge

Name: _____ Period: _____ Row: _____ Date: _____

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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12. Shocking Pictures



Mark is on trial for the brutal murder of a bartender he shot during a botched robbery attempt. A customer used a pay telephone in the store to notify the police of the robbery before Mark could escape with the money. When Mark realized the customer had called the police he shot the bartender to death in a moment of rage. The police subsequently arrested Mark based on surveillance tapes and eyewitness statements. In a criminal trial following the arrest for the brutal murder of the bartender, pictures of the victim are introduced as evidence by the prosecution. The defense objects to the admission of the pictures because Mark's defense attorney feels the pictures are shockingly graphic and therefore might unfairly inflame the jury. The defense attorney claims this would unduly cause the jury to be prejudiced against the defendant.

Are the pictures admissible? EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER.

How do you think the case should have been decided?
