

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Opening Activity

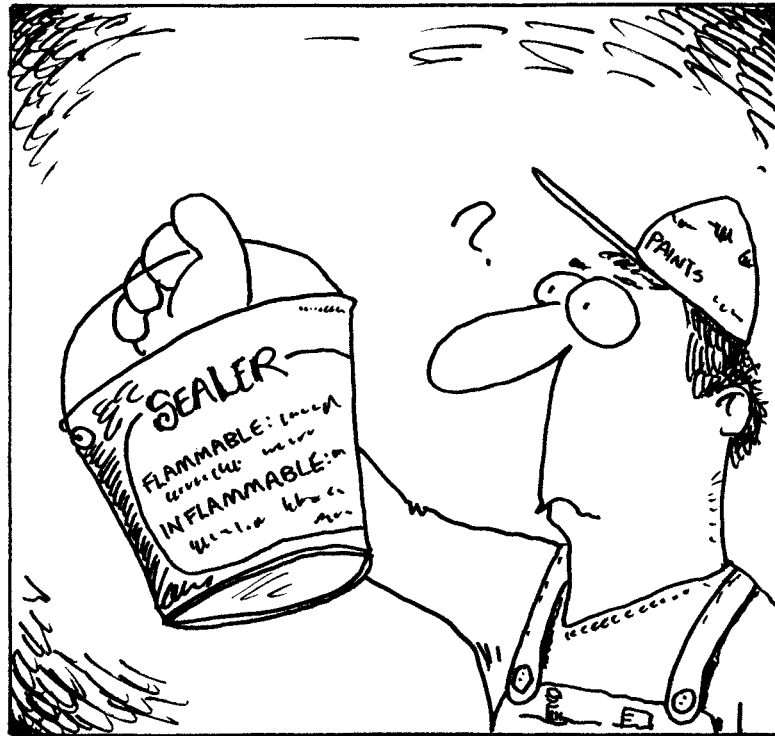
You be the Judge

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.

=====

7. Caution—Open Flame Lights!



Gerry is a structural engineer and one Saturday afternoon decided to apply a floor sealer in his recreation room. He failed to extinguish the pilot light on his gas furnace located in the adjacent room. The flame from the furnace caused an explosion when the vapors from the floor sealer came in contact with it. Gerry was seriously injured in the explosion. As a result he sued the manufacturer of the sealer for negligence because the warning on the sealer. The warning read "Keep Away From Fire, Heat and Open-Flame Lights" and "Caution Inflammable! Keep Away From Open Flame!"

Is Gerry's lawsuit successful?

How do you think the case should have been decided?
