

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Opening Activity

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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40. Once Cruel Always Cruel



Stephanie sues her husband John for divorce and wants custody of her two children, possession of the six bedroom house they now own, her new Mercedes, half of John's savings and stock investments. She is suing for divorce because of John's violent physical and mental abuse. They have been married for just over eleven years. The abusive behavior began about nine years into the marriage and has progressively gotten worse in the last few months. Several neighbors have heard some of the violent arguments and on several occasions called the police. Can Stephanie's attorney place in evidence the fact that her husband was divorced by a former wife fourteen years ago for cruelty?

How do you think the case should have been decided?
