

Nolan v. Weil-McLain
Report of Post-trial Interviews

Reactions To The Attorneys

Q: How about Mr. McCambridge? On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being excellent and 1 being very bad, how would you rate Mr. McCambridge?

A: 9

A: 8

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A: At least a 9

A: 9

Q: What were your general impressions of Mr. McCambridge? How do you think he could improve his courtroom behavior?

A: He seemed to know exactly when to object and abstain. He knew his law. He frustrated the other fellow.

A: I thought he was very good. I thought the closing arguments were very good.

A: He was aggressive. I think he's a very good lawyer in the way he presents himself. He understands the law and he handled himself very well.

A: He did very well. He pretty much ate the plaintiff attorney alive.

A: He was quite experienced, professional, and he used a lot of the tools he was given. Everything he had at his disposal, he used well.

A: I would want him if I could afford him.

A: He was pretty good. He seemed prepared and a lot of jurors liked him.

Bullen v. Weil-McLain **Post-Trial Juror Interview**

Reactions To Opening Arguments

Q: What about the defendant's opening arguments, please give the defendant's attorney, Edward McCambridge, a letter grade, A+ to F-, for how well he did in his opening arguments.

A: Defense? B to B+ or A-

A: A

A: A+

A: A+

Q: Is there anything that stood out in his opening arguments that was especially effective in making his case?

A: He was very eloquent. He presented the jury in a friendly way. He was effective because his visuals and repetition...underlining the words for effect and all. He went a little long but he was thorough.

A: The fact that he was on point nonstop, he had an air about him that made him seem sincere.

A: The same thing he was going to prove Weil-McLain did not cause Mr. Bullen's illness and promised experts. He had done his homework and tons of research.

A: He was amazing. You waited for more. He was very sure. He knew when to ask questions and when to wait and let it soak in with the jury. When he promised we would hear from Roggli, yeah...I gotta hear more from this guy.

Q: Is there anything that stood out in his opening arguments that was particularly ineffective, that is, something that "fell flat" or actually hurt his own case?

A: No, he was pretty darn good, very experienced. It was basically a drama.

A: No, not when he was up.

Reactions To Closing Arguments

Q: What about the defendant's closing arguments, please give the defendant's attorney, Edward McCambridge, a letter grade, A+ to F-, for how well he did his closing arguments.

A: A-

A: A Everything I was thinking, he went through it and confirmed what I was thinking.

A: A+ He was good too.

A: A+

Q: Is there anything that stood out in his closing arguments that was especially effective in making his case?

A: He was thorough, very very thorough. I guess it was important but it was long.

A: Um, no one single thing, just all good.

A: You could just tell years of experience. He was much more experienced in his movements even – very polished.

A: We were waiting on him. It was just the way he presented it. I wish he could have presented the whole case. It would have been much more interesting.

Q: Is there anything that stood out in his closing arguments that was particularly ineffective, that is, something that “fell flat” or actually hurt his own case?

A: No, it was all making sense and he stayed on topic and he too felt bad for Mr. Bullen.

Reactions To The Attorneys

Q: The defense attorney, Mr. McCambridge? What grade, A+ to F-, would you give him for how he performed during the entire trial?

A: A He was friendly, open and clear.

A: A

A: A+

A: A+ It wasn't like he was rehearsing. He knew what he had to ask and paused when we needed to absorb something.

Q: What suggestions would you make to him to improve his effectiveness as a lawyer?

A: No suggestions. He was right on point – like a lot of the witnesses he wouldn't harp on if they were trying to avoid the question. He just went on to the next question.