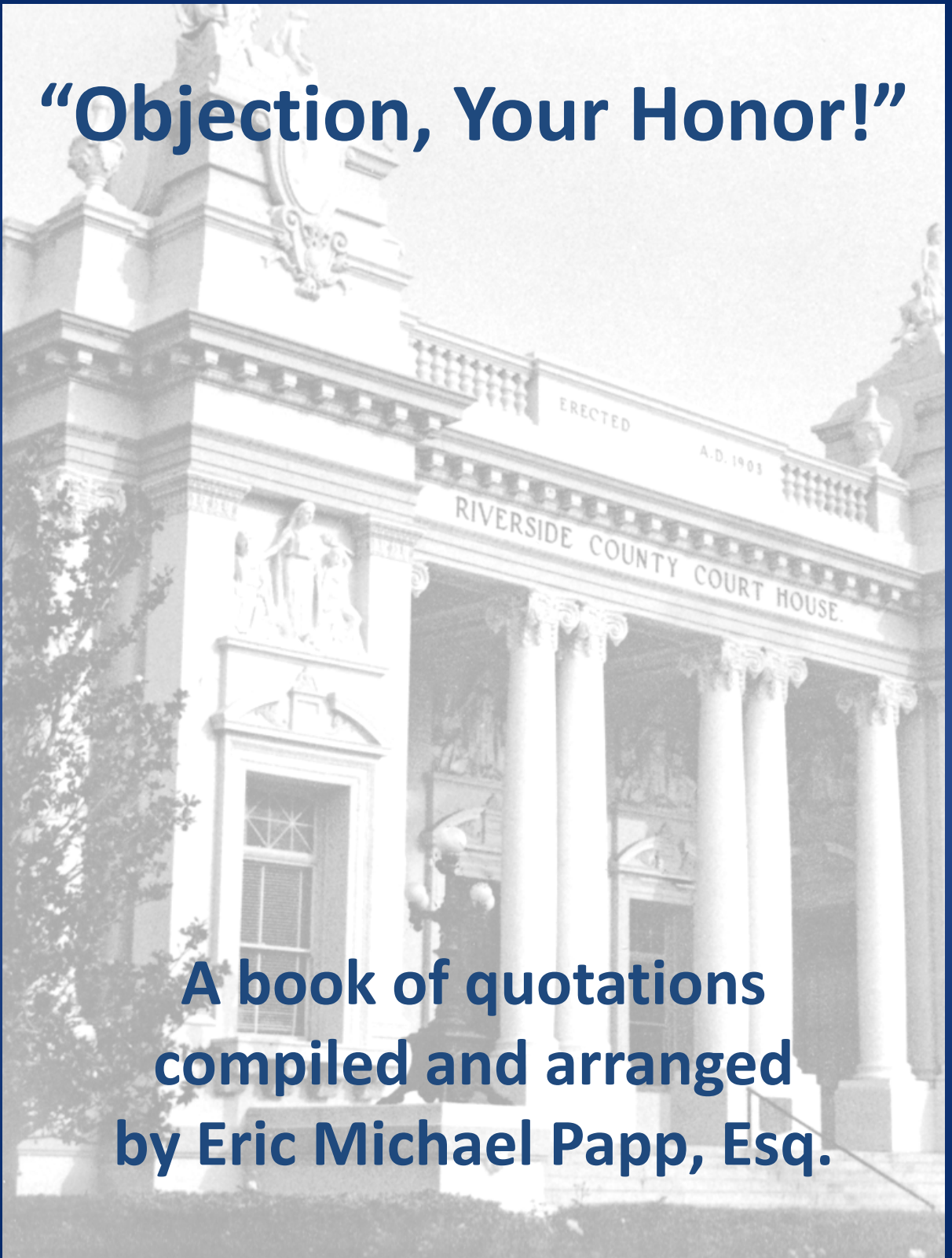


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Dedicated to my beautiful wife Lora and my three boys, Ethan, Wyatt, Joshua and my stepson Jacob Sarabia.

In memory of Jeffrey John Papp (1964-2011). An amazing father, awesome older brother, a close friend and loving son. Rest in Peace. "We'll be together again up yonder in a little while."\* See you then. We love you.

\* From "Daddy Sang Bass" by Carl Perkins.


## Preface

This book contains some of the most memorable quotations from the World's greatest orators, thinkers and philosophers. It was compiled for litigators and litigants who have already begun the journey or are about to embark on that long road in search of vindication and truth. It is meant to inspire and exalt those who are engaged in that singularly unique battle that takes place only in the courtroom. I hope you embrace the following words and observations and they bring you hope, strength and, sometimes, a chuckle.

Eric Papp

March 29, 2012. Corona, California






The strongest and sweetest songs yet  
remain to be sung.

*Walt Whitman, "Leaves of Grass"*

Laws too gentle are seldom obeyed; too  
severe, seldom executed.

*Benjamin Franklin, "Poor Richard's  
Almanack"*




No evidence is admissible except  
relevant evidence.

*Cal. Evid. Code § 350*

Impossible things are simply those  
which so far have never been done.

*Elbert Hubbard*






About as big as the small end of nothing  
whittled to a point.

*Ken Kesey "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's  
Nest"*

The burden of proof lies upon him who  
affirms, not upon him who denies.

*Saying*




They who lose today may win  
tomorrow.

*Cervantes*

Law cannot persuade where it cannot  
punish.

*Thomas Fuller*




The pessimist complains about the  
wind; the optimist expects it to change;  
the realist adjusts the sails.

*William Arthur Ward*

I read part of it all the way through.

*Samuel Goldwyn*




Unkindness has no remedy at law.

*Thomas Fuller*

Look not thou down but up!

*Robert Browning*




The great can protect themselves, but  
the poor and humble require the arm  
and shield of the law.

*Andrew Jackson*

A man ain't whipped until he quits.

*Thomas E. Gaddis*




Nothing is enough to the man for whom  
enough is too little.

*Epicurus*

The story of the curve ball is the story of  
the game itself. Some would say, of life  
itself.

*Martin Quigley*




Polonius: Neither a borrower nor a  
lender be;  
For loan oft loses both itself and friend,  
And borrowing dulls the edge of  
husbandry.  
This above all: to thine ownself be true,  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Thou canst not then be false to any man.

*“Hamlet” (Act 1, Scene 3)*

All the world loves a winner.

*Saying*



Law is the last result of human wisdom  
acting upon human experience for the  
benefit of the public.

*Samuel Johnson*

To be good, you've gotta have a lot of  
little boy in you.

*Roy Campanella*






Horatio: And then it started like a guilty thing  
Upon a fearful summons.

*“Hamlet” (Act 1, Scene 1)*

More undertakings fail for want of spirit  
than for want of sense.

*William Hazlitt*




Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier.

*Colin Powell*

Wealth lost, something lost; honor lost,  
much lost; courage lost, all lost.

*Saying*




It's time to put on the big boy pants.

*Anonymous*

The precepts of the law are these: to live  
honestly, to injure no one, and to give  
everyone his due.

*Justian I (482-565 A.D.)*



Craft must have clothes, but truth loves  
to go naked.

*Thomas Fuller*

I may have been given a bad break, but I  
have an awful lot to live for. With all  
this, I consider myself the luckiest man  
on the face of the Earth.

*Lou Gehrig*



There is no sadder sight than a young  
pessimist, except an old optimist.

*Mark Twain*

To avoid criticism, do nothing, say  
nothing, be nothing.

*Elbert Hubbard*



It is always darkest just before the day  
dawneth.

*Thomas Fuller*

All judgment is self-judgment.

*Paul Richard (1874-1967)*




Possession is nine-tenths of the law.

*Lord Mansfield, Corporation of Kingston-upon-Hull v. Horner, 1774.*

Troubles hurt the most when they prove  
self-inflicted.

*Sophocles (496-406 B.C.)*




Facts do not cease to exist because they  
are ignored.

*Aldous Huxley*

The nearer the dawn the darker the  
night,  
And by going wrong all things come  
right;  
Things have been mended that were  
worse,  
And the worse, the nearer they are to  
mend.

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, "The  
Baron of St. Castine."*






It is the spirit and not the form of the  
law that keeps justice alive.

*Justice Earl Warren*

If you have many irons in the fire, some  
will burn.

*Thomas Fuller*




What Paul says about Peter tells us  
more about Paul than about Peter.

*Baruch Spinoza*

A man is not finished when he's  
defeated, he's finished when he quits.

*Richard M. Nixon*




An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity.

*Anonymous*

Our legal system faces no theoretical dilemma but a single continuous problem: how to apply to ever changing conditions the never changing principals of freedom.

*Justice Earl Warren*



So always look for the silver lining  
And try to find the sunny side of life.

*P.G. Wodehouse, "Look for the Silver  
Lining."*

What the lawyer needs to redeem  
himself is not more ability, but more  
courage in the face of financial loss and  
personal ill will to stand for right and  
justice.

*Justice Louis D. Brandeis*




Gentleman, include me out.

*Samuel Goldwyn*

The facts speak for themselves.

*Demosthenes (384-322 B.C.)*



An act does not make one guilty unless  
the mind is guilty.

*Saying*

His oral statement to be persuasive  
must at least be clear. . . To clarity he  
must add force; for the court, if captured  
at all, must be taken by storm.

*Justice Robert H. Jackson*



Great leadership arises out of great  
conflict.

*James MacGregor Burns*

After sorrow comes joy.

*Saying*




Lead, follow or get out of the way.

*Laurence J. Peter*

A stumbling block to the pessimist is a  
stepping stone to the optimist.

*Anonymous*






A wise man will make more  
opportunities than he finds.

*Sir Francis Bacon*

Justice, which is quick and which  
dispenses with the protections of  
freedom is rarely justice.

*Edward Bennett Williams*




Anyone can hold the helm when the sea  
is calm.

*Publius Syrus (85-43 B.C.)*

Slump? I ain't in no slump. I just ain't  
hitting.

*Yogi Berra*




No weight whatever to confessions  
outside the courtroom!

*Anonymous*

You learn to know a pilot in a storm.

*Seneca the Younger (5 B.C.-A.D.65)*



If you don't know what else to do, throw  
a fit - do something

*Anonymous - quoted by George S. Patton*

Defeat is simply a signal to press  
onward.

*Helen Keller*




“Everything’s coming up roses.”

*Stephen Sondheim*

Men are not judged by their words...but  
by their actions.

*Fredrick II (1712-1786)*




Life teaches us to be less harsh with  
ourselves than with others.

*Goethe*

It is generally unwise to raise an issue  
when one is not prepared to accept the  
likely response.

*Henry A. Kissenger*



If the people don't want to come out to  
the park, nobody's gonna stop 'em.

*Yogi Berra*

When a man points a finger at someone  
else, he should remember that four of  
his fingers are pointing at himself.

*Louis Nizer*



Never trouble Trouble till Trouble  
troubles you.

*Saying*

A fox should not be on the jury at a  
Goose's Trial.

*Thomas Fuller*






Thou hast seen nothing yet.

*Cervantes*

Justice is due to all, without regard to  
numbers, wealth or rank.

*Justice John Jay*



Stick with the optimists. It's going to be  
tough enough even if they're right.

*James Reston*

Man is born to trouble / as surely as  
sparks fly upwards.

*Job 5:7*




Justice is truth in action.

*Joseph Joubert (1754-1824)*

Ninety percent of the game is half  
mental.

*Yogi Berra*




Justice without might is helpless; might  
without justice is tyrannical.

*Blaise Pascal*

A champion is one who gets up when he  
can't.

*Jack Dempsey*




Sometime it is too late to win. But it's  
never too late to lose.

*Tom Warson*

Polonius: Give thy thoughts no tongue,  
Nor any unproportioned thought his act.  
Be thou familiar, but by no means  
vulgar.

*Hamlet* (Act 1, Scene 3)




I like things to happen; and if they don't  
happen, I like to make them happen.

*Sir Winston Churchill*

You can observe a lot by watchin'.

*Yogi Berra*




To act is to affirm the worth of an end.

*Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.*

God didn't put me on this earth to be a  
loser, I'm a winner.

*Sparky Anderson*




The coward has too much fear and too little courage, the rash man too much courage and too little fear.

*Aristotle (384-322 B.C.)*

Optimism is a kind of heart stimulant - the digitalis of failure.

*Elbert Hubbard*






We all have strength enough to endure  
the troubles of others.

*La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)*

Courage is reckoned the greatest of all  
virtues; because, unless a man has that  
virtue, he has no security for preserving  
any other.

*Samuel Johnson*




So long as I am acting from duty and conviction, I am indifferent to taunts and jeers.

*Winston Churchill*

The sting of a Reproach is the Truth of it.

*Thomas Fuller*




We often stand in need of hearing what  
we know full well.

*Walter Savage Landor*

Defeat is one thing; disgrace is another.

*Sir Winston Churchill*




He is dangerous who has nothing to  
lose.

*Goethe*

I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to  
take it anymore.

*Paddy Chayefsky from the movie,  
"Network"*




We are responsible not only for the lies  
we speak but for the truths we fail to  
speak.

*Anonymous*

In retrospect, all events seem inevitable.

*Henry A. Kissinger*




Moral courage, the courage of one's convictions, the courage to see things through. The world is in a constant conspiracy against the brave. It's the age-old struggle - the roar of the crowd on one side and the voice of your conscience on the other.

*Douglas MacArthur*

Those who do nothing while awaiting events are likely to be engulfed by them.

*Anonymous*




Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let  
us never fear to negotiate.

*John F. Kennedy*

Polonius: Beware  
Of entrance to a quarrel, but being in,  
Beware that the opposed may beware of  
thee.

*Hamlet (Act 1, Scene 3)*




Who makes a timid request invites  
denial.

*Seneca the Younger (5 B.C. - A.D. 65)*

Opportunity always knocks at the least  
opportune moment.

*Ducharme's Precept*





Facts are facts and flinch not.

*Robert Browning*

Failure is impossible.

*Susan B. Anthony*



A stumble may prevent a fall.

*Thomas Fuller*

Success has ruined many a man.

*Benjamin Franklin*



We can best get justice by doing justice.

*Theodore Roosevelt*

In life as in football - Fall forward when  
you fall.

*Arthur Gitterman*




Hungry fighters win fights.

*Saying*

Half the failures in life arise from pulling  
in one's horse as he is leaping.

*J.C. Hare*




I am neither an optimist nor pessimist,  
but a possibilist.

*Max Lerner*

People are constantly spoiling a project  
when it lacks only a step to completion.

*Lao-Tzu (6<sup>th</sup> Cent. B.C.)*




Strike while the iron is hot.

*James Howell (1593-1666)*

Failure teaches success.

*Saying*



The ability to be cool, confident, and  
decisive in crisis is not an inherited  
characteristic but is the direct result of  
how well the individual has prepared  
himself for the battle.

*Richard M. Nixon*

If you're falling, dive.

*Saying*




To do two things at once is to do  
neither.

*Publius Syrus (85-43 B.C.)*

I cannot give you the formula for  
success, but I can give you the formula  
for failure, which is: Try to please  
everybody.

*Herbert Baynard Swope*






Better hazard once than always be in  
fear.

*Thomas Fuller*

Polonius: Those friends thou hast, and  
their adoption tried,  
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of  
steel;  
But do not dull thy palm with  
entertainment  
Of each new-hatch'd, unfledged  
comrade.

*Hamlet (Act 1, Scene 3)*




That old law about 'an eye for an eye'  
leaves everybody blind. The time is  
always right to do the right thing.

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

If you pick up a starving dog and make  
him prosperous he will not bite you.  
This is the principal difference between  
a dog and man.

*Mark Twain*




You can discover what your enemy fears  
most by observing the means he uses to  
frighten you.

*Eric Hoffer*

At times it is folly to hasten; at other  
times, to delay. The wise do everything  
in its proper time.

*Ovid (43 B.C. - A.D. 17)*




I only wish I could discover the truth as  
easily as I can expose falsehood.

*Cicero (106-43 B.C.)*

It is better that ten guilty persons  
escape than one innocent suffer.

*William Blackstone*



In fair weather prepare for foul.

*Thomas Fuller*

Error tends to multiply itself; truth is  
forever one.

*Saying*



Never confuse movement with action.

*Ernest Hemingway*

The difficult we do immediately. The  
impossible takes a little longer.

*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Motto*




Truth gives a short answer; lies go  
roundabout.

*Saying*

I'd rather be a poor winner than any  
kind of a loser.

*George S. Kaufman*



All you need in this life is ignorance and  
confidence, then success is sure.

*Mark Twain*



There's nothing like a couple of wins to  
put a spring in your step.

*Charles Krauthammer*

Many things are lost for want of asking.

*George Herbert (1593-1633)*






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*In Re Jesus Ramirez*  
Justice Court of California, Tuolumne  
County Case No. 516 (1851)

R.C. Berry, J.P.

H.P Barber the lawyer for George Werk insolently told me there were no law for me to rool so, I told him that I didn't care a damn for his booklaw, that I was the law myself. He continued to jaw back I told him to shut up but he wouldn't I fined him \$50 and committed to gaol for 5 days for contempt of Coort in bringing my roolings and dississions into disreputableness end as a warning to unrooly persons not to contradict this Coort.



We do as we are; we become as we do  
*Saying*

The world is won by those who let it go!  
But when you try and try,  
The world is beyond winning.

*Lao-Tzu (6<sup>th</sup> Cent. B.C.)*




A missed opportunity is worse than a  
defeat.

*Anonymous*

Winning isn't everything, but wanting to  
win is.

*Vince Lombardi*




Provide for the worst, the best will save  
itself.

*James Howell*

Failure seldom stops you; what stops  
you is the fear of failure.

*Jack Lemmon*



Winning isn't everything. It's the only  
thing.

*Vince Lombardi*

Since one has to take sides, one might as  
well join the side which is winning.

*Napoleon*




There is a critical Minute for all Things.

*Thomas Fuller*

King Henry: Nothing can seem foul to  
those that win.

*Shakespeare, Henry IV*




Nothing is enough to the man for whom  
enough is too little.

*Epicurus*

An optimist is a fellow who believes  
what's going to be will be postponed.

*Kin Hubbard*




Winners never quit; quitters never win.

*Saying*

How often could things be remedied by  
a word. How often it is left unspoken.

*Norman Douglas*






The greatest mistake you can make in  
life is too be continually fearing you will  
make one.

*Elbert Hubbard*

'Tis much safer for thee to reconcile an  
enemy than conquer him.

*Thomas Fuller*



After darkness comes light.

*Saying*

A stable social structure thrives not on  
triumphs but on reconciliations.

*Henry Kissenger*



I hate to lose more than I like to win.

*Larry Bird*


Polonius: Give every man thy ear, but  
few thy voice;

Take each man's censure, but reserve  
thy judgment.

Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy,  
But not express'd in fancy; rich, not  
gaudy;

For the apparel oft proclaims the man

*Hamlet* (Act 1, Scene 3)




Whatever you can lose, reckon of no  
account.

*Publius Syrus* (85-43 B.C.)

There are fights which should be made  
even if a loss is certain.

*Frank Tollman*




He has achieved success who has lived  
well, laughed often and loved much.

*Elbert Hubbard*

Show me a good loser and I'll show you  
a sure loser.

*Saying*



The optimist sees the rose and not its  
thorns; the pessimist stares at the  
thorns, oblivious to the rose.

*Kahlil Gibran*

Virtue is a mean between two vices.

*Aristotle*




Greed oft o'erreaches itself.

*Aesop*

Lucius Cassius, whom the Roman people considered the wisest and most conscientious of judges, was in the habit of asking repeatedly in trials, "*Who has profited by it?*" Such is the way of the World: no man attempts to commit a crime without the hope of profit.

*Cicero (106-43 B.C.)*




I have always been more afraid of failing  
than hopeful of success.

*Samuel Johnson*

To no one will we sell, to no one will we  
deny or delay right or justice.

*Magna Charta (1215 A.D.)*







In civil cases money talks; in criminal  
cases money walks.

*Anonymous*

The cost of success is exceeded only by  
the cost of failure.

*Anonymous*




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In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed,...and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

*Constitution of the United States. Bill of Rights. 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment*

Success is counted sweetest / By those  
who ne'er succeed.

*Emily Dickinson*




The palest ink is more reliable than the  
most powerful memory.

*Chinese Proverb*

Fairness is the tiny voice that thunders  
from behind every argument.

*Gerry Spence*




Forewarned forearmed

*Cervantes*

You are not beaten until you admit it,  
hence don't.

*George S. Patton, Jr.*




There's a good time coming.

*Sir Walter Scott*

Success is never blamed.

*Thomas Fuller*



A wise man recognizes the convenience  
of a general statement, but he bows to  
the authority of a particular fact.

*Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.*

Set not your Loaf in, till the Oven's hot.

*Thomas Fuller*




Where there is consent, there is no  
injury.

*Saying*

As the wind blows, you must set your  
sail.

*Thomas Fuller*



There is no such thing as success in a  
bad business.

*Elbert Hubbard*

He confesses his crime who flees the  
tribunal.

*Publius Syrus (85-43 B.C.)*






Find a need and fill it.

*Henry J. Kaiser*

If you wish to be out front, then act as if  
you were behind.

*Lao-Tzu*




It ain't over till it's over.

*Yogi Berra*

Take one thing with another, and the world is a pretty good sort of a world, and it is our duty to make the best of it, and be thankful.

*Benjamin Franklin*




To accomplish almost anything  
worthwhile, it is necessary to  
compromise between the ideal and the  
practical.

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

The road before us is shorter than the  
road behind.

*Lucy Stone*




The dictionary is the only place where  
success comes before work.

*Anonymous*

When you come to a fork in the road,  
take it

*Yogi Berra*




I think the necessity of being *ready*  
increases. Look to it.

*Abraham Lincoln*

My knowledge is pessimistic, but my  
willing and hoping are optimistic.

*Albert Schweitzer*



Winning.

*Charlie Sheen*

Young man, the secret of my success is  
that at an early age I discovered I was  
not God.

*Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.*




When criticized, consider the source.

*Saying*

There is a moment in every battle at which the least maneuver is decisive and gives superiority, as one drop of water causes overflow.

*Napoleon*




A lie travels around the world while  
Truth is putting on her boots.

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

Sometimes things can go right only by  
first going very wrong.

*Edward Tenner*






Half the trouble in this world comes  
from saying “yes” too quick and “no” not  
soon enough.

*Saying*

Common experience shows how much  
rarer is moral courage than physical  
bravery. A thousand men will march to  
the mouth of the cannon where one man  
will not dare espouse an unpopular  
cause.

*Clarence Darrow*




An old error is always more popular  
than a new truth.

*Saying*

Only those who do nothing . . . make no  
mistakes.

*Joseph Conrad*




Bring in the guilty bastard. We'll give  
him a fair trial, and then we'll hang him.

*Judge Roy Bean (1825-1903)*

A verbal contract isn't worth the paper  
it's written on.

*Samuel Goldwyn*




Justice, though due to the accused, is  
due to the accuser also.

*Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo*

Courage: to bear unflinchingly what  
heaven sends.

*Euripides (485-406 B.C.)*




“Let the jury consider their verdict,” the King said, for about the twentieth time that day.

“No, no!” said the Queen. “Sentence first - verdict afterwards.”

*Lewis Carroll. “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland.”*

Failure is the path of least persistence.

*Michael Larson*




I think it less evil that some criminals  
should escape than that the Government  
should play an ignoble part.

*Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.*

I'm a pessimist about probabilities; I'm  
an optimist about possibilities.

*Lewis Mumford*




It is more dangerous that even a guilty person should be punished without the forms of law than that he should escape.

*Thomas Jefferson*

A good definition of an equitable settlement is one that will make both sides unhappy.

*Henry A. Kissenger*



Justice delayed is justice denied.

*Saying*

(a) "Hearsay evidence" is evidence of a statement that was made other than by a witness while testifying at the hearing and that is offered to prove the truth of the matter stated.

(b) Except as provided by law, hearsay evidence is inadmissible.

*Cal. Evid. Code § 1200*






Trouble creates a capacity to handle it.

*Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.*

I guess the first thing I ought to say is  
that I thank everybody for making this  
day necessary.

*Yogi Berra*



Good pitching will always stop good  
hitting and vice-versa.

*Casey Stengel*

The best is yet to come.

*Saying*



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## “Objection, your honor!”

Whether anticipating unreliable, misleading or unduly prejudicial evidence, the skirmishes in the courtroom take place in the blink of an eye; freedom and fortunes often hang in the balance. Always on edge and one-hundred percent intellectually and emotionally engaged, attorneys and litigants attack and counter-attack while constantly being observed by twelve of their peers who have been called to determine the truth of the matter.

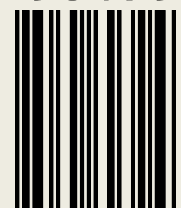
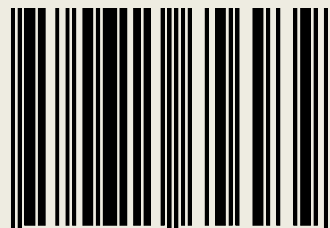
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