

## Comments on the “*Great Trials That Changed History: A Judge’s Perspective*” Course

“The course has been outstanding!

I’ve learned a lot from your presentations, the discussions, and the excellent supplemental readings.

Very engaging!”

--J.S.

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“... spellbinding!”

-B.B.

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“...[A] such fantastic course. [Y]ou are a wonderful speaker and really bring us into the social and historic atmosphere of the time of these trials. I have been riveted and will be sad to see the course end.”

--B.M.

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“... have thoroughly enjoyed your sessions and look forward to the Scopes trial\*\*\*\*

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The materials provided are fascinating to read. Thank you for all of your effort to educate us.”

--D.M.

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“Thank you so much for presenting the information on the Lincoln Trial. I love this class and am learning so much.

Thank you for sharing your knowledge, enthusiasm and generosity of time.”

--L.L.

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“What a fascinating story. \*\*\*There are so many great characters.

I have really enjoyed all your talks and I have learned so much.”

--S.McM.

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“Your presentation today was fascinating! New information today for me that greatly expanded my understanding of the Lincoln assassination situations.

Very clearly and dramatically presented – thank you.”

--S.E.

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“Thank you, Judge Curran.....

I have been enjoying and learning from your classes...and telling my friends about them as well.”

--C.C.

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“My wife has been watching your excellent talks on famous trials that you have been giving to the WWLL.”

--Dr. A. P.

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“[Y]our presentations were [superb], both in terms of your enthusiasm, encyclopedic knowledge, organization of the facts, and quality of speaking, as well as the technical quality and expertise of the equipment used and the mastery of the use of the zoom format. Challenge met and history lecturing career launched!”

-B.B.

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“[Please accept our] unanimous thanks for a superb series of lectures.”

--WWLL Board of Directors

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“I am so sad that this session is about to end, but want you to know how wonderful it has been. I was riveted by the Lincoln conspiracy. I knew so little about that.”

--B.M.

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“I ...want to thank you for the excellent program you have presented over the last several weeks. \*\*\* I have thoroughly enjoyed the ... programs.

As a retired attorney I found your sessions particularly interesting.”

--N.H.

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“[T]hank you so much for your wonderful teaching, the articles and information that you sent us ahead of each class, and the broadening of our historical knowledge that went along with each trial that you presented.”

--J.S.

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“I have certainly loved the series. I found it so informative and entertaining....”

-J.L.

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“Thank you for your informative and interesting lectures which concluded today. I always come away from the class with solid information and a better grasp of our laws, and of the way courts and views, have evolved through the years.”

--A.F.

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“...a stimulating and informative series....”

--E.S and S.S.

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“ ...an enjoyable, enlightening set of trial presentations. Of all the courses I have taken, yours has been the most consistently interesting to me.”

---S.E.

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“Your course was fantastic. I learned so much.”

--B.F.

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“Thanks for an enjoyable and enlightening course.”

--L.R.

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[T]hank you for the wonderful series of Great Trials. My husband and I looked forward to our Monday class.”

--F.W.

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“...marvelous trial presentations.”

Gratefully,”

--J. G-L.

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“Thank you so much for these very informative and well researched and fascinating lectures on the great trials.

I know how much work and effort goes into these presentations (isn't the rule of thumb 4 hours preparation for every half hour of talk?) so just wanted you to know how lucky we all are to be able to hear your in depth and thoughtful lectures, along with book ideas and visuals.

The clip from “My Cousin Vinny” made such a great point about expert witnesses.”

--S.H.

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“As superb your lecture last week was, today's lecture was even better. I have run out of meaningful adjectives to praise your lectures....You give a superb lecture each week, seemingly unsurpassable, and then give an even better one week after week. It is truly breathtaking. The insights you supplied today from your experience as a judge to the topic of expert witnesses was invaluable.

--B.B.

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“I think your adding your personal opinion and reflecting on the many cases you presided over adds much to the conversation!”

--S.E.

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“Just wanted you to know that yesterday's powerful and disturbing presentation [on the Trial of Leopold and Loeb] made me cry. Incomprehensible evil, like today's news.”

--J.G.L.

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“I am so grateful to you for teaching us this course. Like the course last year, it has been so interesting and enlightening.

Thank you so much.”

--L.L.

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“Powerful presentation.”

-A.S.

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“I am really enjoying the class and you’re putting us in the time period and all that you add is very pithy.”

--R.R.

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“I have watched your "great trials" series thus far and found them very interesting. I appreciate your interpretations greatly.”

--R.B.

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“Thanks for such an informative and compelling class.”

--L.R.

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“Thank you for a fascinating and informative series of classes on 20th century trials. This was my first class with you, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I look forward to the class in the fall on Abraham Lincoln.”

--C.S.

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“Thank you for covering the Simpson Trial today with thoroughness and clarity. Although I lived through it, I was one of those who did not follow it closely. I understand the situation so much more completely now”

-S.E.

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“Hello, Judge,

I just wanted to thank you for your great course.  
I hope you will continue to lecture on significant trials.

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Thanks again for a great lecture series!”

--P.C.

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“Thank you so much for such an interesting and meaningful course. It was altogether very enlightening to read your material but your information and opinions added an enormous amount. \*\*\*

I do hope you'll be back in the Fall with additional trials.”

-M.J.

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“I don't know how Judge Curran joined the faculty, but what an incredible asset he is. I've thoroughly enjoyed and learned from the course. I look forward to his "Lincoln" course next fall.”

-J.S.

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“ Another great course . . . Thank you, as always!”

--M.B.

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"I have really enjoyed your two courses on trials this Fall and Spring.

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Thank you very much for your excellent presentations."

-N.H.

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"Another wonderful event.

The Judge is truly a remarkable speaker and very intelligent man."

--A.L. and T.L.

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"Tom and I wanted you to know how wonderful [your presentations] have been. We both look forward to each one. You are amazing with your research, creative background and storytelling."

-.A.L.

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"In your lectures, I have learned so much about President Lincoln and look forward to reading and learning more about him. I am so very appreciative of the time and effort you obviously put into our classes. You are a gifted teacher. I, along with all the other students are so very fortunate.

With much thanks and appreciation"

--R.S.

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"I am very appreciative of your Lincoln presentation these past 5 weeks. In this case almost all information you presented was new to me. You really brought a much broader perspective to his life, and how this experience prepared him for the momentous time he was President. Also, his Massachusetts family background and visits were new and most interesting."

-S.E.



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“I am so grateful to you for teaching this class. It has all been very informative and interesting.”

--L.L.

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“...I forgot to mention how much I appreciated your course on Lincoln and the follow up sessions that you set up. So informative and well presented!”

--S.E.

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“Hello, Judge Curran-

This is the second class that I have taken from you and I want to thank you for your excellent teaching. It is obvious that you have put a great deal of time into preparing for and presenting the classes. I have been impressed by your knowledge of each case and appreciated the add-ons that you included in your presentations.”

--S.L.

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“...[T]hanks for your extraordinary lectures....”

--B.B.

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“Dear Justice Curran

Thank you for another stellar semester of Court Trials. We found the presentations and discussions interesting, stimulating, and creative....”

–E.S. and S.S.

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“Thank you, Judge Curran, for another fascinating semester of cases. They always give way to enthusiastic comments and conversations.”

–C.S.

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“[Your materials] are very thought provoking and thoroughly researched.”

–B.M.

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“I haven’t been able to attend all your presentations this semester, and I now realize how much I’ve missed.”

–G.E.

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”This has been a great series.”

–B.M.

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“Dear Judge:

Thank you so much for the most interesting series of talks (cases.) Your presentations were illuminating and outstanding.

Very much appreciated.”

–B.F.

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“Thank you for a wonderful semester. Your lectures were all so interesting and informative. I enjoyed all of them and learned so much. The last class was a great way to end, making the jury process real and understandable.”

–J.L.

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“Thank you for a wonderfully informative and thoughtful series.”

–L.S.

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“Thank you again for such a wonderful class. I learned a great deal and certainly have a better understanding of the legal system in general, and the trial process in particular. Your lectures were thought-provoking and stimulating, and I can only imagine the amount of time and effort you put in to prepare for each and every class.”

–R.S.

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“I have had a blast x 3, as that’s how many of your courses I’ve taken You’re a gem!”

–E.W.

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“Thank you for sharing your passion for the law and expertise! The acting out of the [Kyle] Rittenhouse trial was a great adventure and so informative.”

–M.H.

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“Let me echo the appreciation of the other program participants in thanking you for such a fascinating trip through interesting trials and especially for illuminating many of the lesser known facts.

You did an amazing job.”

--M.P.

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“This was my first class which came highly recommended by J.K. I was not disappointed. You are a superb teacher who not only has a high command of your subject matter but a creative and humorous way of conveying the fact that could have been an otherwise dry class.

I appreciated that you answered each question from the class with insight and thoughtfulness.”

Thank you for the time you took in your preparation and presentations of each class.”

-N.K.

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“I really enjoyed this course; and I thank Justice Curran for great work....”

-S.W.

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“I believe you could teach the tax code and make it fascinating.”

-N.K.

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“...I can't even imagine the amount of time you put into the research, then the written presentation, ...It is fascinating, absolutely fascinating....”

--R.R.

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“Thank you for your scholarship and interesting presentations.”

--H.G.

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“Today’s presentation topped off a terrific series of lectures, not only this term but those in the past as well. I remember attending the very first one before Covid curtailed the in-person gatherings. I believe it was **The Trial of Socrates**. Your love of history and the law comes across in each lecture.”

--I.Z.

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Judge,

Thank you for your most informative and thought provoking weekly lectures. I am reflecting on all the talks you have given, from the Salem Witch trials to the provocative discussion today on the Kyle Rittenhouse trial. So many interesting and fascinating trials\*\*\*\*

Thanks for your knowledge which you have shared so deeply and for brining new dimensions on the law for us.”

-A.F.

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“So informative about the process. Great series this session.”

--S.E.

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“Thank you Judge for more of your interesting and thought provoking [*sic*] trial presentations.”

–P.T.

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Hi Judge Curran...Just a heartfelt thank you for your classes...always enlightening, entertaining and enjoyable.”

–C.C.

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“Thank you...I thoroughly enjoyed the course. I’m sorry to see it end.”

–C.K.

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Thanks soooo much for such an interesting and informative class....I just loved it.”

–L.L.

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Good day Sir,

I truly enjoyed the class...you did a great job detailing the different and notable trials. It was clear to me that you put a lot of thought and effort into preparation for each class. \* \* \*

Thank you for a VERY interesting class...”

–M.R.

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-J.L.

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“Thank you! Another terrific class!”

-J.G.

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“As usual a very stimulating presentation!”

--D.W.

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“I thought today’s trial was terrific! Thank you so much for showing us this trial in such an interesting way.

Thank you so much for all the interesting trials that you presented over the semester.”

--B.B.

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“ You have been an outstanding lecturer...Best of all WWLL’s have attended.”

–T.S.

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“Great, interesting course.”

-E.C.

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“Love your class.”

-N.K.

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“Riveting talk.”

-B.B.

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“You presentation was so educational and comprehensive, and I thank you for the commitment and time that you put into it. I understand the trial so much better, having gotten it piecemeal, with the news over the years.”

-M.H.

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“Thanks for all the extra work you do, with the readings you send out!

–K.H.

“The huge effort, initiative, and expertise you have expended in presenting your courses at WWLL is enormously respected and appreciated.”



-B.B.

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“Thank you, Dennis, for all the time you spent prepping for and teaching our courses. It was very inspirational.”

-K.M.

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“Your guidance and comments as to the inner workings of the trial process in addition to the surrounding events are a welcomed ‘mental gymnastics’ exercise.”

-B.T.

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“Thank you for a great series of lectures.”

-P.C.

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“Great, interesting course.”

-E.C.

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“Wonderful class!”

-R.L.

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“This has been a semester of fantastic lectures!”

-A.S.

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“Thank YOU, Judge Curran, for your consistently fascinating course!”

–E.W.

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“I learned about WWLL from my wife, who was in Justice Curran's ‘Famous Trials Through History’ course last year. I'd done some of the readings for those and overheard parts of some lectures. I took his course this Spring.

I was able to attend all of his classes, which were fascinating. I'd earned an A.B. at Oberlin with a major in Government ...but with as many semester-hours in History as majors in that field needed to take, earned a Master of Arts in Teaching at Harvard, taught US History and other "Social Studies" classes at [ ] High School for 20 years, earning a Ph.D. in "The History of American Civilization".\*\*\* I learned some things I hadn't learned before from every one of Justice Curran's classes. They were truly great.”

–S.W.

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