

Lost Causes

Lost causes are the only ones worth fighting for.

Clarence Darrow

Disability Statistics

- 45.8 million people in US have a disability
- 13.9% cognition disability
- 12.2% mobility disability
- 7.7% independent living disability
- 6.2% hearing disability
- 5.5% vision disability
- 3.6% self-care disability
- CDC Disability and Health Data System (2024)

Disability Rights Landscape

- Reduction in Federal Oversight - Special Education
- Executive Order 14173
- Executive Order 14151
- Project 2025's Impact on EEOC
- Threats to ADA
- Cuts to Social Security & Disability Benefits
- Veterans Care
- Cessation of Accessibility Services
- Funding Eliminations & Cuts

Justice

Freedom is never granted; it is won.
Justice is never given; it is exacted.

Phillip Randolph

Trial Advocacy

- You are the Prosecutor!
- Exact Justice
- Knowing The Law Is Not Enough
- Preparation
- Trial Theme
- Put the Defendant on Trial
- Demonstrative Evidence
- Damages

Jury Will Vindicate Your Client

- Compelling
- Memorable
- Emotional Resonance
- Technical Mastery
- Cultural/Societal Significance

Preparation Details

- Yourself - Trial Team
- Law
- Facts of Case
- Focus Groups
- Client
- Educate
- Homework
- Length of Trial

Trial Theme

- Voir Dire
- Opening
- Direct Examination
- Cross Examination
- Objections
- Closing

Prosecutor

- Prepare Witnesses
- Use Defense Witnesses
- Don't Run From Non-Favorable Evidence

Demonstrative Evidence

- Technology
- Visuals
- Sound
- Video

Damages

- Prepare
- Educate Client
- Be Proactive Not Reactive
- Confidentiality Order
- Testimony
- Ask

It Makes A Difference

- The greatest loss to a society is not to recognize the rights and dignity of others.
- Fighting for the rights and dignity of others is a necessary fight for your own rights and dignity.