

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE J. OWEN FORRESTER
SENIOR JUDGE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

THE COURT: To those of you who are not privy to the long relationship the Court has had with Mr. Weintraub, the court was just giving Mr. Weintraub, I think, the word is ‘tsorsis’.

Actually, the Court would show total respect for Mr. Weintraub, not only because he’s an esteemed member of the bar, but also because Mr. Weintraub will get you if you’re not nice to him. He sat through a trial in this courtroom some years ago, it was one of the most interesting cases we had. And he was local counsel to an almost stereotypical California lawyer, laid back, cool, this sort of thing, who kept mistreating Howard, patronizing him, back-of-the-hand sort of treatment.

And so Howard got a paperclip – this guy would get a cup of water, and while he was examining the witness, he’d walk around the courtroom and drink water. So Howard gets a paperclip and pokes a hole in the bottom of the cup, and the guy is dribbling water all over his suit.

MR. WEINTRAUB: But we got acquitted.

THE COURT: It’s only because the jury felt sorry for the poor guy that had the lawyer from California who had water running down the front of him.

MR. WEINTRAUB: It worked.

THE COURT: All right. Back on the record.