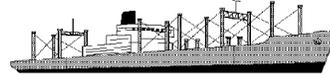




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SPRING BREAK: *Motion to Continue*

I could offer a bunch of excuses for being so late, but I would probably end up trying to convince myself more than you so I won't bother. Although spring break is technically over, and given my deadline predicament, in this edition of *Rollin' On* I'll continue with the levity of last week and pass along some jokes and comments about lawyers and the law. These are pulled from a desk calendar that my lovely bride gave me for Christmas.

Q. What's the difference between baseball and the law?

A. In baseball, if you're caught stealing, you're out.

The 10 Commandments contain 297 words. The Bill of Rights has 463 words. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address has 266 words. A recent federal directive to regulate the price of cabbage contains 26,911 words.

A judge enters the courtroom, strikes the gavel, and says, "Before I begin this trial, I have an announcement to make. The lawyer for the defense has paid me \$15,000 to swing the case his way. The lawyer for the plaintiff has paid me \$10,000 to swing the case her way. In order to make this a fair trial, I am returning \$5,000 to the defense."

"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I ever met." Abraham Lincoln, referring to a fellow attorney.

In 1990, a psychologist did a study which revealed that high levels of testosterone, which causes overly aggressive or antisocial behavior, is commonly found in juvenile delinquents, substance abusers, bullies, dropouts and trial lawyers.

"You can't hardly find a law school

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in this country that doesn't, through some inherent weakness in the school, turn out a Senator or Congressman from time to time, or if their rating is real low, a President." Will Rogers.

The tiresome jury selection process continued, each side hotly contesting and dismissing potential jurors. Mr. Smith was called for his question session.

"Property holder?"

"Yes, I am, Your Honor."

"Married or single?"

"Married for 20 years, Your Honor."

"Formed or express an opinion?"

"Not in 20 years, Your Honor."

Q. Why is it dangerous for a lawyer to walk onto a construction site when plumbers are working?

A. Because they might connect the drain line to the wrong suer.

A lawyer named Strange selected his future tombstone and told the monument company that he wanted "Here lies an honest man and a lawyer" cut into the stone. "Can't do that", said the stone cutter, "because it's illegal to bury two people in one plot. But I could say very simply, "Here lies an honest lawyer." "Then people wouldn't know it was me," worried Mr. Strange. "Course they would, sir. They'd go by, read the words, and "That's Strange."

An airliner was having engine trouble, and the pilot instructed the cabin crew to have the passengers take their seats and get prepared for an emergency landing. A few minutes later, the pilot asked the flight attendants if everyone was buckled in and ready. "All set back here,

Captain," came the reply, "except one lawyer who is still going around passing out business cards."

"For certain people over 50, litigation takes the place of sex." Gore Vidal.

Q. How do you define double jeopardy?

A. When a lawyer calls in her partner.

A Brooklyn lawyer, a used-car salesman, and a banker were gathered by a coffin containing the body of an old friend. In his grief, one of the three said, "In my family, we have a custom of giving the dead some money, so they'll have something to spend over there." They all agreed that this was appropriate. The banker dropped a hundred-dollar bill into the casket, and the car salesman did the same. The lawyer took out the bills and wrote a check for \$300.

Judge: Have you anything to offer this court before I pass sentence?

Defendant: Nope. My lawyer took every last penny.

After hearing all the evidence in a divorce proceeding, the judge said to the wife, "I'm going to give you \$600 a month alimony." The husband jumped up and said, "I tell you what, Your Honor, I'll throw in a couple of bucks myself."

"Most attorneys practice because it gives them a grand and glorious feeling. Hand them a grand and they feel glorious!" Milton Berle.

Q. What's wrong with lawyer jokes?

A. Lawyers don't think they're funny and other people don't think they're jokes.

That's all for now. Until next time, keep the cargo *rollin'*!

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