

(INSERT NAME OF COURT)
Judge (INSERT NAME)
(INSERT DATE)

Summary: Criminal Mock Trial of Alexander versus the Beast, aka the Prince

Plaintiff: The prosecution accuses the beast, aka the prince, of impersonation, kidnapping, and fraud. Alexander, the star witness, says the prince impersonated a beast to gain Beauty's sympathy and love. Then he imprisoned her, keeping her from marrying Alexander, and risked her mental health by tricking her into thinking she could read widely and succeed in business. He says the beast treated Beauty like a man.

Defense: The defense argues the beast is innocent of all charges. He says he didn't impersonate a beast, but, rather, was turned into one by the enchantress. He also denies having imprisoned her, stressing she offered to stay with him in exchange for his releasing her father, who had stolen a rose from his garden. Beauty was neither tricked nor bribed; she fell in love with the beast as he grew increasingly kind and supportive.

Witnesses for Plaintiff: O. Tróy Ságron testifies the Beast kidnapped Beauty, stopping her marriage to his BFF, Alexander. The Beast tricked her to gain her love, and then he turned into a prince. They may deserve each other, since she acts like a man, and he showed his support by giving Beauty his library and becoming her business partner.

Witness for Defense: The Enchantress testifies she turned the prince into a beast because he behaved so badly. After he learned his lesson and gained Beauty's love, she changed him back. Beauty testifies she chose to stay with the Beast, fell in love because he was so kind and supportive, and never expected him to become a handsome prince.

Closing Arguments: The prosecution asks the jury not to be fooled by this fake Prince Charming who stole the heart of Alexander's bride-to-be, Beauty, aka Bell, Belle, and Bela. He impersonated a beast to gain her sympathy and love and forced her to stay with him. Then he showered her with gifts; granted her foolish, man-ish dreams—even opening her own Taco Bell; and tricked her into falling in love with him. That is fraud, clear and simple. He is guilty of all charges. A proper punishment would be to make him live the rest of his days as the horribly disgusting, drooling beast he pretended to be.

The defense says the evidence showed the Enchantress turned the prince into a beast, clearing him of impersonation. Beauty testified she chose to stay with him, so he didn't kidnap her, and he captured her heart by becoming loving, caring, and giving. The Enchantress turned him back to be as beautiful outside as he was inside, though previously she had made him as ugly as he was on the inside. No fraud was committed. The Prince learned his lesson the hard way. He and Bela want to live happily ever after as equal business partners who will promote equal opportunity and literacy for all.

--Senator Judith Zaffirini