

(INSERT NAME OF COURT)
Judge (INSERT NAME OF JUDGE)
(INSERT MONTH, YEAR)

Summary: Civil Mock Trial of Cinderita versus the Stepsisters

Plaintiff: Cinderita accuses her stepsisters, Prunella and Molarella, of bullying and cyberbullying and causing her mental anguish. Her attorney says they were unbelievably cruel and unspeakably crude while insulting her and ordering her to perform countless household tasks and to wait on them hand and foot. They also posted humiliating and embarrassing photos of her on the Internet, showing they are mean, jealous hags—nothing more, nothing less.

Defense: The defendants insist they are innocent of all claims. Their attorney argues the stepsisters and their mother, Madam Wannah B. Ritzly Malboca, took Cinderita into their hearts after her father died. They allowed her to live with them in their fabulous mansion rent-free and enjoy free food and free clothes in exchange for doing chores. The evidence will show, they say, that Cinderita is a spoiled brat who wanted a totally free ride instead of paying her way or working for a living.

Witness for Plaintiff: Prince Whatahunk testifies Cinderita was filthy, hungry, overworked, bullied, cyberbullied, and suffering mental anguish when he found her. She left the mansion with him, but initially refused to marry him. Instead she used her skills to support herself and start a business. Eventually they became equal partners in Cinderita Enterprises. Profits are used for education and anti-bullying programs.

Witness for Defense: The stepmother says she and her daughters lovingly embraced Cinderita as their own, giving her everything she needed, though expecting her to do chores in exchange. She agrees with her daughters' testimony, stressing their innocence. Under cross-examination, however, she admits her billions and mansion belonged to her late husband, Cinderita's father, who left everything to his little girl.

Closing Arguments: The plaintiff's attorney expresses shock and dismay at the stepmother's unexpected last-minute admission: She took control of the billions inherited by Cinderita, kept and used them for herself and her daughters, and forced Cinderita to live in hunger and deprivation while they abused her physically and emotionally. This discovery worsened the impact of the bullying, cyberbullying, and mental anguish. The family's cruelty in calling Cinderita names like "frog face" and "monkey tail" and forcing her to perform humiliating tasks is disgusting. That is why the attorney is now asking for \$100 million in damages, instead of only \$100,000.

The defense says the jury should not be fooled by the plaintiff's trick questions and discovery of money left to Cinderita. Her stepmother and stepsisters treated her like their own, simply requiring chores in exchange for free room and board, food, and clothing. Her resentment is caused by her jealousy of their superior beauty and popularity. Their teasing Cinderita was cute, accurate, and harmless, which is why she never complained about it or fought back. Instead of being grateful to those who took her in, she is using her new wealth to bully them in court and cause them mental anguish. Besides, now that she's a princess, she doesn't need their money.

– *Senator Judith Zaffirini*