

QUOTES OF THE DAY

"The power of the lawyer is in the uncertainty of the law."

— Jeremy Bentham

"Make crime pay. Become a lawyer."

— Will Rogers

"Now is the time to draw a clean, clear, bright line and say if you are engaging in speech over the Internet you do not have to check with your lawyer or your accountant. You are a free American, and you have the opportunity to engage in free speech over the Internet."

— John Doolittle

"It is not what a lawyer tells me I may do; but what humanity, reason, and justice tell me I ought to do."

— Edmund Burke

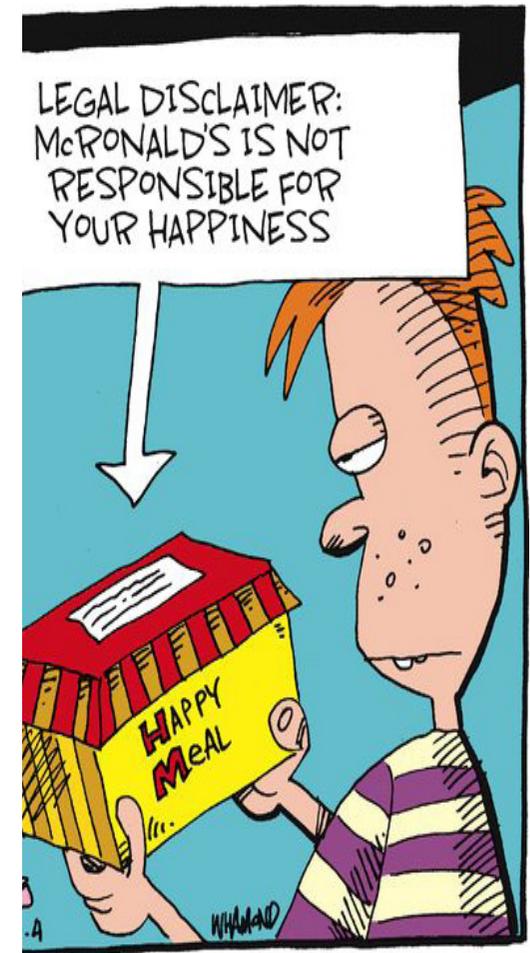


This card—Laughter in Court—is Number 3 in a series of "Diversions for You and Your Friends" by Arlene Harder, MA, MFT, Support4Change Blog.

Being sick or having a major problem in your life is a pain in the neck. This is because, in large part, any situation that negatively impacts your life forces you to think about *it*, rather than more pleasant things. That is why this card is designed to **take your mind off your troubles**, at least for a while. It is also a way you can **share this diversion with family and friends who need a boost today.**

Sometimes I can't resist telling lawyer jokes. I think most people can't. The ones I bring you today were sent to me a couple years ago and I've kept them for a day when I figured someone might need a lighter touch. If that day is today, you're in luck.

Incidentally, these are true stories actually said in courts, word for word. I wonder how court recorders could keep a straight face when they typed these stories into the official record.



Laughter and Disorder in Court

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget..

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death...

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them... The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

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ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No...

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

May you have peace, joy and love