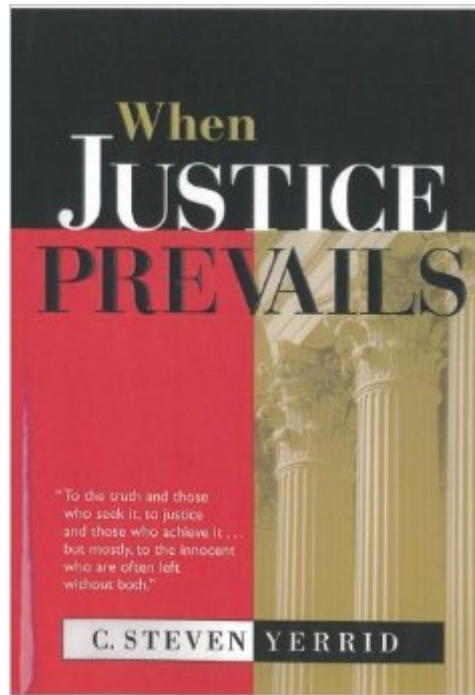


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# When Justice Prevails



## Synopsis

C. Steven Yerrid became a trial lawyer to make a difference. In an impressive career that spans more than twenty-five years, he has done just that. While successfully litigating virtually all types of civil cases, Yerrid has been the champion of those without the money and power usually necessary to battle corporate giants and win. In *WHEN JUSTICE PREVAILS* (Yorkville Press; July 2003; \$26.95 hardcover), Steve Yerrid presents eight of his most dramatic and challenging cases. Although they involve many different areas of the law - from the State of Florida's landmark case against "Big Tobacco," to medical malpractice, personal injury, product liability, maritime catastrophe, and intellectual property law - they all share a common thread. Yerrid states, "Each one is a testament to the endurance of the human spirit. It is reflected in the victims' ability to overcome personal tragedy and loss, as well as in the jurors' struggle to find the truth and deliver a just verdict." A page-turning work of legal nonfiction, *WHEN JUSTICE PREVAILS* depicts in vivid detail the dramatic, often heartbreaking stories of Yerrid's clients. Writing compellingly about his own thoughts as he decides to take on each case, Yerrid offers insight into how he builds and executes his legal strategies, from opening remarks to the verbatim presentations of his emotionally charged closing arguments. Rarely have readers been given such direct access to all the fascinating moments of real-life trials - the sparring of the lawyers, the testimony of the witnesses, the turning points of cross-examination, and the behind-the-scenes maneuverings of both Yerrid and his opponents.

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C. Steven Yerrid, one of Florida's most successful attorneys, shares some tricks of the trade and some fascinating stories in this compelling book. A while ago, in order to fulfill some mandatory legal education requirements, I watched a lecture by Mr. Yerrid. I quickly realized I was witnessing an emotional intelligence off the scales. Known for his mastery of juries, in *When Justice Prevails*, Yerrid demonstrates the traits I observed in that lowly continuing legal education video and tells some interesting stories along the way. Structurally, the book describes eight cases that Yerrid tried. Five of them were personal injury cases in which Yerrid was able to take some difficult situations and come up big for his clients. The book is bounded by Yerrid's early career name making defense of the pilot of the ship that crashed into Tampa's Skyway bridge in 1980 and his recent representation, along with a number of other eminent lawyers, of the State of Florida against the tobacco companies. A fascinating intellectual property dispute on behalf of the "Voice of God" fills out the book. You'll have to read it to find what that one's about. There is previous little autobiographical information in the book apart from brief but heartfelt evocations of Yerrid's mom and dad. We do learn that Yerrid went to Georgetown Law (where he now teaches) and that his first job out of law school was with one of Florida's most prominent firms, Holland and Knight. But his life at Holland and Knight, career as a young lawyer, and how he ended up leaving the firm and starting his own small practice are all left to the imagination.

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