

“If You Were the Lawyer...” Reflection

-The 6th Amendment guarantees the right to a fair trial, including:

- A speedy and public trial
- An impartial (fair) jury
- The right to be informed of charges
- The right to confront witnesses
- The right to have the assistance of counsel for defense

-Strickland Test (Two-Prong Test):

- Deficient Performance
- Prejudice
- A defendant must prove **both** to win an appeal of ineffective counsel

Directions: Imagine you are the defense counsel in each of these cases. Think about how you could better protect the defendant’s Sixth Amendment rights and provide effective counsel under the Strickland Test. Answer the questions below using complete sentences and evidence from the case. Explain what you would have done differently to ensure the defendant received a fair trial.

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1. Scottsboro Cases (1931)			
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<p>2. United States v. Timothy McVeigh (1997)</p>			
<p>3. Bobby v. Van Hook (1985)</p>			
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4. Commonwealth v. Dew (2023)			
5. Modern Example			