

**Global View - Understanding a Trial** (C0204)

Lawyer: Your honor, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, My client, Robert Malone, has been accused of a crime he did not commit. The prosecution has accused my client of being a pickpocket! I know we have heard the testimony of many people here today, . . . . people who claim the defendant, my client, stole their wallets. I feel sorry for these victims, I really do. . . . . but my client is innocent!

Lawyer: Let's look at the facts... one: These 'so-called' witnesses did not actually see the defendant steal anything. . . . . two: When the police stopped him, he did not have any of the stolen wallets. There is no evidence.

Lawyer: Therefore, Ladies and Gentlemen of the jury, I ask you to think carefully before giving your verdict. My client is innocent!

Judge: Ladies and Gentlemen of the jury, have you reached a verdict?

Jury member: Yes, your honor. our verdict is. . . . .not guilty!

Robert: Thank you so much! You were great! Thank you for all your hard work!

Lawyer: You're welcome Robert! I knew you were innocent so my job was easy. Take care of yourself, okay?

Robert: Thanks once again...

Lawyer: Hey! Where's my wallet?

### Key Vocabulary

reach a verdict	<i>phrase</i>	succeed in making the finding of a jury in a trial
-----------------	---------------	--

guilty	<i>Adjective</i>	responsible for doing something bad
--------	------------------	-------------------------------------

your honor	<i>phrase</i>	a respectful title used to or of certain judges
------------	---------------	---

jury	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a body of persons sworn to judge
------	------------------------------	----------------------------------

accuse of	<i>phrase</i>	to charge someone with a crime
-----------	---------------	--------------------------------

commit	<i>principle verb, infinitive</i>		to do something (usually a crime)
prosecution	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	the lawyers against the defendant
pickpocket	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	one who steals from pockets
testimony	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a declaration of truth or fact
defendant	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	the person being sued or accused
victim	<i>common plural</i>	<i>noun,</i>	people affected by a painful or sad experience
innocent	<i>Adjective</i>		not guilty
so-called	<i>Adjective</i>		refer to something that is not suitable
evidence	<i>common non-variable</i>	<i>noun,</i>	something that shows the thing is true
witness	<i>common plural</i>	<i>noun,</i>	one who is called on to testify before a court

## Supplementary Vocabulary

Acquittal	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	A jury verdict that a criminal defendant is not guilty, or the finding of a judge that the evidence is insufficient to support a conviction.
Affidavit	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	A written or printed statement made under oath.
Lawsuit	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	A legal action started by a plaintiff against a defendant based on a complaint that the defendant failed to perform a legal duty which resulted in harm to the plaintiff.
Plea	<i>verb</i>		In a criminal case, the defendant's statement pleading "guilty" or "not guilty" in answer to the charges.

## Warrant

*common noun,*  
*singular*

Court authorization,  
most often for law  
enforcement officers,  
to conduct a search or  
make an arrest.