

(INSERT NAME OF COURT)
(INSERT NAME OF JUDGE)
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Summary: Criminal Mock Trial of Gobernator versus Zorr-oh!

Prosecution: The prosecutor accuses Zorr-oh of assault because he single-handedly fought up to dozens of his men and sometimes carved a “Z” on them; of property damage because he blew-up and otherwise damaged his property; and of breaking and entering because he entered his property by force without permission to cause damage. “Zorr-oh” may be Spanish for “fox,” but he acts and stinks like a skunk. Pee-uuu!

Defense: The defense denies all charges. One of the earliest examples of a fictional masked avenger with a double identity (like Batman and Robin), Zorr-oh never picks a fight or starts one. He risks his life and fights only in self-defense or to protect and defend the young, the old, and the poor from terrorism and bullying by Gobernator Élfego Mentiroso and his soldiers. Those cowards cannot outfox the greatest fox of all—Zorr-oh! He is innocent.

Witness for Prosecution: Gobernator’s daughter, Alana, does not appear when called repeatedly to testify, so the judge orders the sergeant-at-arms to arrest her and bring her to court. When he does, she apologizes for being late and, visibly upset, says she didn’t want to be there. Her testimony is delayed until after the defense rests. Then she testifies about information she discovered that morning and during Zorr-oh’s testimony.

Witness for Defense: Robin Hoodie, Zorr-oh’s BFF and fellow member of the Justice League, testifies that the bilingual, bicultural superhero is in charge of law enforcement along the U.S.-Mexico border. He says the defendant couldn’t do his job without entering property when necessary and carves his “Z” so others won’t be blamed for his actions. Gobernator and his soldiers are cowardly bullies who pick only on the defenseless.

Closing Arguments: The prosecutor argues Zorr-oh is an escaped fugitive from prison and a criminal who proudly signs his work. The ends do not justify the means, and defending and protecting the poor or anyone else does not justify breaking the law in the process. Because Zorr-oh admitted fighting Gobernator and dozens of soldiers, breaking and entering into their property and sometimes destroying it, and maiming their bodies with a “Z,” he should be found guilty of all charges. The distracting testimony by Alana should have no impact on the outcome. “Who is whose father” has nothing to do with the issue at hand. It’s time to go fox-hunting and put this bandido in jail. “You and I are not above the law, and neither is Zorr-oh!”

The defense argues that after hearing the testimony, the prosecutor should have dropped all charges and immediately charged Gobernator with corruption, kidnapping, and capital murder by beheading. The defendant is a superhero who lives modestly and courageously in the service of others. He risks his life continually to protect and defend the weak, the poor, and the meek from despicable bullies like Gobernator and his soldiers. Zorr-oh takes those cowards on and never runs and hides, even when outnumbered! If he is guilty, so are all superheroes, including Robin Hoodie. If so, villains would have a field day, and victims would be victimized even more severely. The jury should find Zorr-oh “Not Guilty!”

– *Senator Judith Zaffirini*