

A man had to go to court, and he asked his lawyer which judge would be hearing his case. His lawyer told him and then said, 'Do you know him?'

The man answered, 'No, but I wanted to know his name so that I could send him a dozen bottles of good wine.'

The lawyer as terribly shocked. 'You can't do that,' he said. 'You would be breaking the law very seriously, and you would be sure to lose your case.'

Some weeks later the case was heard, and the man won it. As he was leaving the court, he said to his lawyer, 'My present to the judge was quite successful, wasn't it?'

The lawyer was even more shocked than before, and said, 'What? Did you really send him that wine after what I told you?'

'Yes, certainly,' answered the man. 'But I put my opponent's name on the card which sent with the wine.'