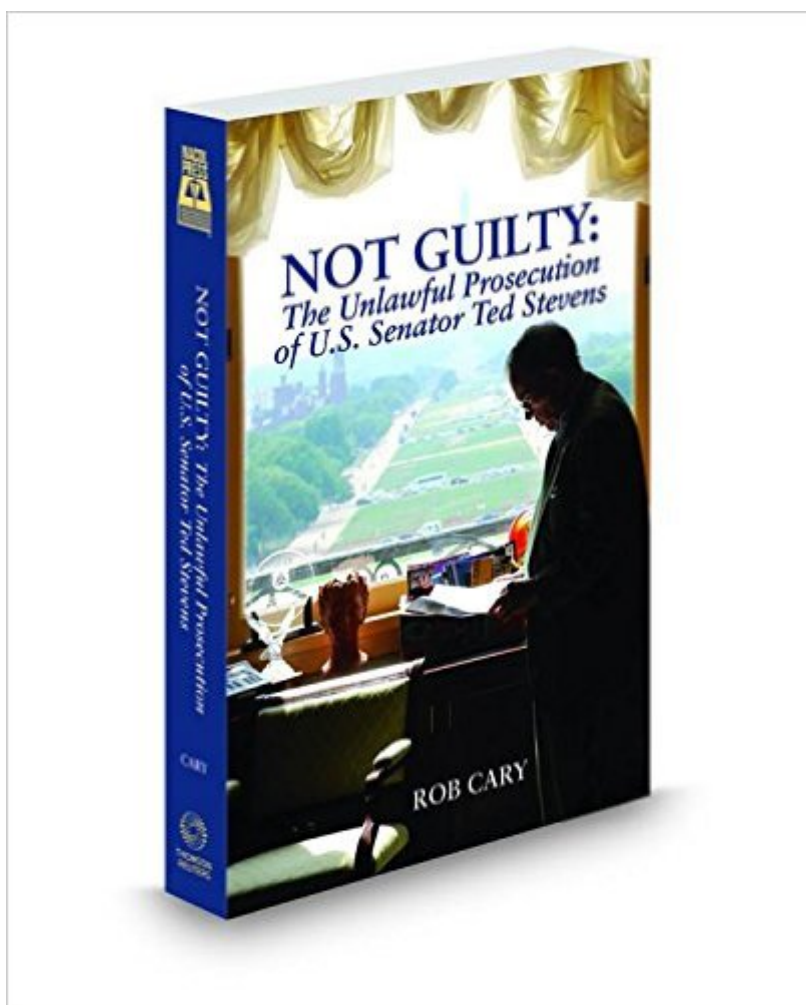


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Not Guilty: The Unlawful Prosecution Of U.S. Senator Ted Stevens



Synopsis

Written by one of the lead attorneys for U.S. Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska, *Not Guilty: The Unlawful Prosecution of U.S. Senator Ted Stevens* describes the litigation before, during, and after the trial charging Stevens with corruption. Stevens was found guilty by a jury, but the judgment was immediately overturned following revelations of gross violations of Brady and other misconduct by the prosecution team of the Public Integrity Section of the Department of Justice. The verdict, however, led to Stevens loss of his seat in the Senate. The book is instructive in its intricate detailing of defense strategies and prosecutorial missteps, particularly in regards to Brady discovery, and author Rob Cary notes that less-privileged defendants commonly face challenges similar to those in the Stevens trial. Cary also comments on the Schuelke Report, a special investigation of the Public Integrity Section ordered by the trial court and released in 2012. As a result of his experience during the trial, Cary prescribes a number of initiatives to level the playing field between criminal defendants and the government, particularly with respect to discovery, handling of witnesses, and ways to address prosecutorial misconduct.

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Rob Cary is as passionate a writer as he is a defense lawyer. His book "Not Guilty" seethes with justified and convincing outrage over the Department of Justice's prosecution of Alaska's Senator Ted Stevens in 2008 at the end of the Bush Administration. This is a book for lawyers and for those deeply interested in the corruption of the criminal process in our courts and protecting the rights of the accused. Cary goes far beyond the usual journalistic generalities about the case; with care and

precision he details the deceitful and illegal actions of the DOJ lawyers in ignoring the "Brady Rule" in securing a jury verdict in the District of Columbia. He "names their names" and shows their photographs for future reference. Midway through, the book becomes a roller coaster ride; the true story of a trial, its lawyers and combatants, its witnesses, its ins and outs of evidence and the criminal processes, ups and downs, the triumphs, defeats, the deceptions. Rather than grabbing glory for himself and his notable senior partner, he self-effacingly praises the work effort of his colleagues and names them. He lauds the courageous decisions of the trial judge, the many Alaskans who came out in support of Senator Stevens. The book is not without its faults; Cary writes as a lawyer, not a journalist, he repeats himself, there are too many long transcript quotes from testimony or court statements, the actual jury's verdict might have been dealt with more tension and plotting but these comments are "small beer" compared to the impact of this fine book. Not since Daniel Petrocelli's "Triumph of Justice" about the OJ trial has a lawyer penned a book so powerful and instructive.

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