

The Best Story Wins

And Other Advice to New Prosecutors

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“A manual for prosecuting cases that should be on the desk of every prosecutor in the country.”

~ Rick Knight, Assistant Prosecutor, Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office,
Kansas City, Missouri

“A must read...It is truly one of the best explanations of what it is to be a prosecutor in print today. John Bobo writes with an easy wit and entertaining style about the trials and tribulations of having the most serious job there is. His book thrives because he is sharing the secrets he learned by doing. I only wish that the rest of society could be convinced to pick it up. They would enjoy it and be amazed and better understand the most important role in the criminal justice system today. I am putting it on my law students reading list now.”

~ Joe McCormack, Bureau Chief, Bronx District Attorney’s Office, New York & Adjunct
Professor, St. John’s School of Law

“In my 20 years with the Justice Department and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, I have had nearly 100 federal trials. I found *The Best Story Wins* to be an excellent read with incredibly helpful and practical suggestions for those prosecutors (young and old) who will or have actually tried countless cases before juries. Any trial—large or small—is a unique experience that can be extremely stressful and fraught with indecision, trepidation, and fear; *The Best Story Wins* is a wonderful talisman for those volatile emotions that cannot always be avoided in the hearty soul of a trial warrior.”

~ Gene Rossi, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Chief, Specials Unit, U.S. Attorney’s Office,
Eastern District of Virginia

“This book is a treasure for all new prosecutors and those who train or supervise them. Mr. Bobo, a nationally recognized trainer of new prosecutors, presents a work as welcoming as a conversation with a good friend. He lays out practical insights about the nuts and bolts of doing the work and includes a candid and frank discussion of the rewards and challenges for all who choose to start their workday announcing: ‘READY FOR THE PEOPLE, YOUR HONOR.’”

~ Frank Horowitz, Former State Director, DUI Prosecution Project, California District
Attorneys Association

“A prosecutor with more cases than she can handle has no time to read a how-to book, yet it’s exactly what she needs. And, this book is the answer! It’s so much fun and the advice is practical: what it’s *really* like day in and day out. It’s also a great reminder that being a prosecutor truly is the best job you’ll ever have...so enjoy it!”

~ Kimberly Fogarty Kinzie, former Massachusetts prosecutor and staff attorney at the
Massachusetts District Attorneys Association

“This book should be required reading for anyone starting or even considering a career as a prosecutor. Clear, unvarnished information from people who have faced the challenges and succeeded in protecting public safety as well as their own sanity!”

~ Creg G. Datig, Director, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Program, the California
District Attorneys Association

“*The Best Story Wins* is not just a book for new prosecutors. Anyone who has been or ever wanted to be a prosecutor will enjoy the advice, stories and stylistic witticisms of the author. The chapter about the dangers of burnout should be required reading for every prosecutor spouse.

John Bobo has given us a tool that will help retain new prosecutors by helping them better understand the public service profession they have joined."

~ Thomas E Kimball, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference

"Refreshing, practical, personalized and fun to read. Bobo's book is a fire hose that you will come back to drink from over and over again. Bobo explores all the in's and out's that new prosecutors face in their personal and professional relationships."

~ Irene Bardot, Assistant Attorney General, Organized Crime Task Force, State of New York's Attorney's General Office.

"Four years of college, three years of law school, and we learn virtually nothing about prosecuting cases in the real world. John serves as a terrific surrogate 'buddy' through his book as only he can. Every starting prosecutor can benefit from his extensive experience and advice."

~ Stephen K. Talpins, CEO of the National Partnership on Alcohol Misuse and Crime