

# VERDICT IN THE O.J. SIMPSON TRIAL

## The Defense



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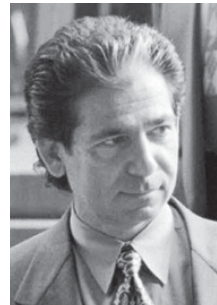
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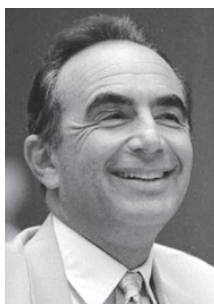
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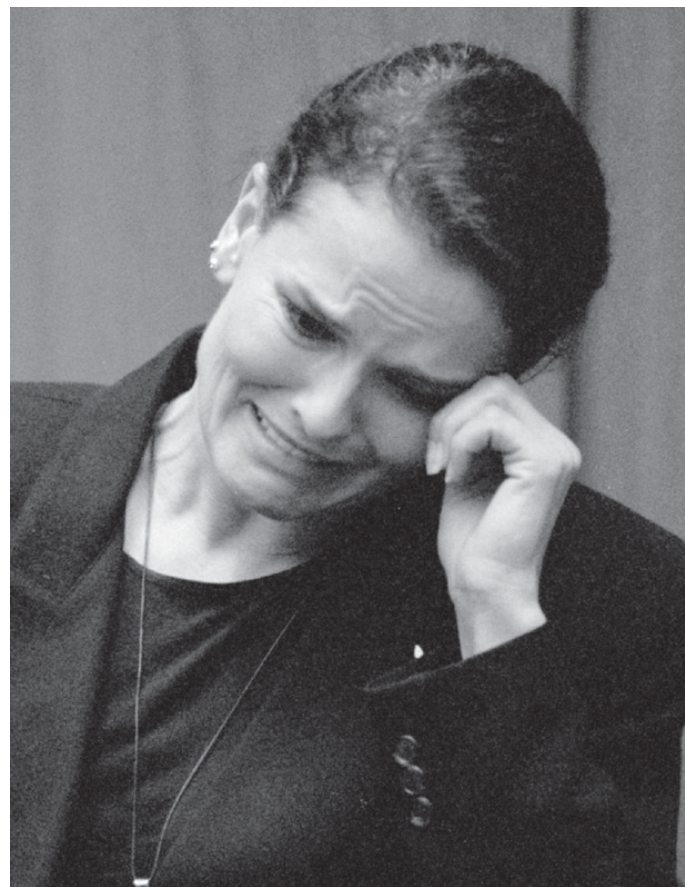
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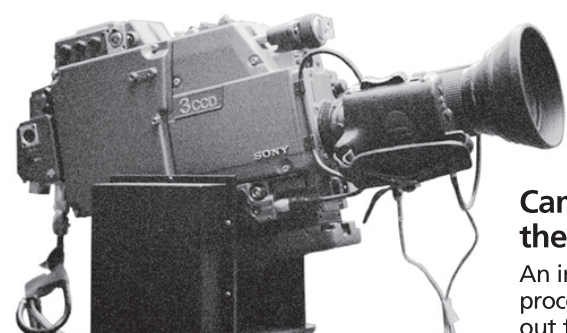


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### Denise Brown

Sister of murder victim Nicole Brown Simpson, wipes her eye while testifying on Feb. 3, 1995. She told the jury how O.J. Simpson abused her sister.



### Camera in the courtroom

An integral part of the proceedings, occasionally blacked-out for showing too much.



**Johnnie Cochran, Jr.**  
Attorney for the defense

**Marcia Clark**  
Attorney for the prosecution

### November 1994

*Elsewhere in the news:* In a stunning victory, the Republican Party wins both houses of Congress in the November general election

3: Jury of eight women, four men selected. Panel composed of eight blacks, one Anglo, one Hispanic and two people of mixed race.

### December 1994

8: Alternate jury selected: nine women and three men; seven blacks, four Anglos, and one Hispanic.

### January 1995

4: Defense abandons challenge of DNA evidence.

11: Jurors sequestered, where they will remain for 266 days. The court releases explosive prosecution documents accusing O.J. Simpson of beating, degrading and stalking Nicole Simpson throughout their 17-year relationship. Documents are released as the hearing begins on defense bid to bar evidence of domestic violence.

12: Prosecutors withdraw 18 of 62 abuse allegations.

13: At the hearing to determine whether the defense will be permitted to question Fuhrman about alleged racial slurs, prosecutor Christopher Darden and defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr., both black, engage in an emotional exchange over the role of race in the trial.

17: Prosecution documents allege Simpson hit his first wife, Marquerite Thomas Simpson. Officer who responded to the domestic call some 20 years earlier says Simpson's then-wife said Simpson hit her and she was taken to a hotel for the night. In a June police interview, Thomas denied Simpson ever abused her.

18: Ito rules that jurors can hear evidence of domestic violence in O.J. Simpson's relationship with Nicole Simpson; dismisses two jurors. After highly publicized bickering between Simpson attorneys Robert Shapiro and F. Lee Bailey, Cochran takes lead on defense team.

20: Ito allows possibility of Fuhrman racism introduced if defense can prove it's relevant.



**Lance Ito**  
Superior Court Judge

24: **THE TRIAL STARTS** – Ito rejects Simpson's request to speak directly to the jurors before defense opening statements but allows him to show scars on knees. Darden and prosecutor Marcia Clark begin opening statements.

27: Simpson's book, "I Want to Tell You," released in response to more than 300,000 pieces of mail sent to him in jail.

31: First prosecution witness testifies. Sharyn Gilbert, a 911 operator and dispatcher, testifies she answered a call from the Simpson's home on New Year's Day 1989 from Nicole Simpson.

### February 1995

3: Nicole's sister Denise Brown sobs on the witness stand as she testifies on how O.J. Simpson humiliated Nicole in public and once hurled her against a wall.

7: Juror Katherine Murdoch dismissed.

12: Jurors make daytime tours of Simpson's estate and the murder scene.

*Elsewhere in the news:* A 28-year-old arbitrage trader in Singapore, Nick Leeson, bankrupts his employer, the 233-year-old British bank Baring Brothers, with more than \$1 billion in losses on Japanese futures and options.

### March 1995

1: Juror Michael Knox dismissed.

2: Rosa Lopez, who was described by Cochran in his opening remarks as the "maid with the alibi," is videotaped while the jury is out of the courtroom. She then boards a plane for El Salvador and leaves the country. The jury never sees the tape.

6: Marcia Clark's estranged husband, Gordon, files for temporary primary custody of their two sons, claiming that Marcia "is never home and never has any time to spend with them."

### Mark Fuhrman

Los Angeles police detective testified that he had not used the N-word in 10 years. He was lying.

## The Prosecution



CHRISTOPHER DARDEN



HANK GOLDBERG



WILLIAM HODGMAN



BRIAN KELBERG



CHERI LEWIS

15: **THE N-WORD** – Fuhrman denies under cross-examination from defense attorney F. Lee Bailey that he had used the racial slur in the last 10 years.

17: Juror Tracy Kennedy dismissed.

21: Brian "Kato" Kaelin, labled a hostile witness by the prosecution, testifies that he heard three bumps on the back wall of the Simpson guest house between 10:40-10:45 p.m. on the night of the murders.

### April 1995

5: Juror Jeanette Harris dismissed for concealing an alleged incident of spousal abuse.

11: Criminalist Dennis Fung testifies and concedes he didn't detect blood on the socks at Simpson's home or on the back gate of the murder scene until weeks later.

18: **NO MORE CURLS** – Marcia Clark entered court with a new 'do. Gone were the curls that she had worn at different lengths and in their place was a short, straight cut. "Get a life," she told reporters when they clapped as she entered the courthouse.

■ See **TIMELINE, 11A**



### Brian "Kato" Kaelin

Would soon become the world's most famous house guest. He has parlayed his "fifteen minutes of fame" into several Hollywood acting gigs.

