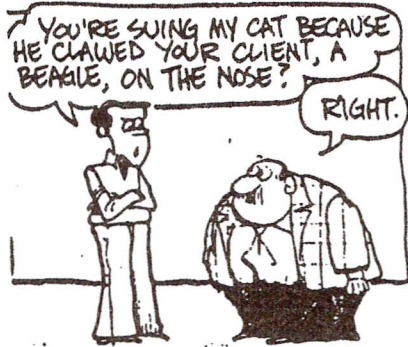


A Note on the Routinization of Justice
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The ministry of justice has likewise been distorted by imposition of bureaucratic routine. Justice like education has no price tag. The accurate observation that "you can get as much justice as you can afford" is one troubling sign of bureaucratized justice. So-called "jack pot justice" of huge jury awards is another. King Solomon, in Israel's supreme court, did not have to develop a routine assure dispensation of justice. Rather he found a way through the judicial ruse of "dividing the baby" to resolve an impossible custody dispute. And when Israel heard of this decision "they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment" (I Kings 3:28). Litigation was not lightly undertaken under King Solomon.

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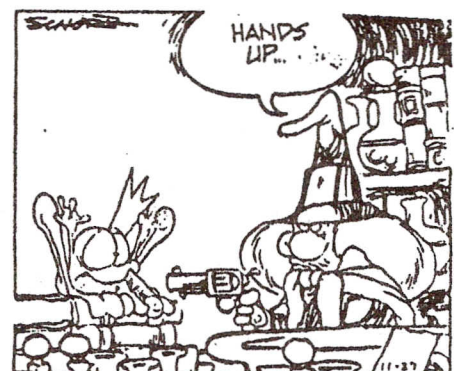
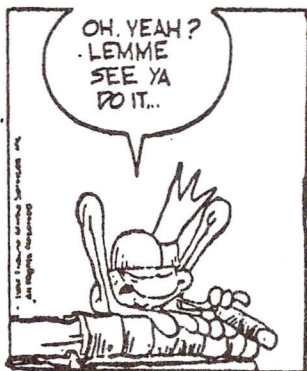


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