

# The King of Torts

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## While reading

### Chapters 1–3

#### 1 What's first? Number the sentences 1–6.

- a ☐ Clay talks to Tequila Watson in the Criminal Justice Center.
- b ☐ Max Pace pays Clay \$5 million.
- c ☐ Clay says he doesn't want to accept Mr. Van Horn's job offer.
- d ☐ Clay moves into an office in an expensive area of town.
- e ☐ Some policemen tell Adelpha Pumphrey her son is dead.
- f ☐ Max Pace calls Clay to offer him a job.

#### 2 Find the right words in Chapters 1–3.

- a Something is this if it larger than its normal size. (p. 7) .....
- b Another word for to be in a hurry. (p. 12) .....
- c A word that means for a short period of time. (p. 16) .....
- d It means well dressed or very intelligent. (p. 18) .....
- e It can be used to describe situation with a lot of problems and mistakes. (p. 20) .....
- f Another word for to employ somebody. (p. 22) .....
- g You do this when you leave your job voluntarily. (p. 24) .....

#### 3 Write the name of the person who says or thinks this.

Max Pace   Talmadge X   Rebecca  
Tequila Watson   Clay Carter   Paulette Tullos  
Bennett Van Horn

- a "Do I look like I could afford a lawyer?" .....
- b "Don't think of giving the case to me. I've got too much work already." .....
- c "I've been working here for years and I've never seen a case like this." .....
- d "I talked to my friend and I think he can offer you a job." .....
- e "I wish my boyfriend would try and make something of himself." .....
- f "I sort out a lot of problems for very important companies." .....
- g "I don't know if I can trust him, but it's a lot of money to turn down." .....

## Chapters 4–6

#### 4 Put a word or words on the left with a word or words on the right.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| lock      | shares  |
| break the | up      |
| get rid   | silence |
| solicit   | clients |
| keep a    | secret  |
| do        | guilty  |
| plead     | of      |
| buy       | a test  |

#### 5 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.

- a Starbucks had The outside been victim first shot  
.....
- b Dyloft tumors the creation linked been to had of  
.....
- c colleagues would the how money Clay's imagined they spend  
.....
- d Clay by plane inside impressed a plane the was of  
.....
- e top contract Clay in Manhattan signed restaurant the a  
.....
- f lawyers enormous some Clay ranch met French's rich in  
.....
- g company with cement having A their problems was  
.....

## Chapters 7–9

#### 6 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a Clay thought the magazine had caused excitement in Rebecca's home.  
.....
- b Maxatil increased the chances of bladder cancer in women. ....
- c The Goffman company produced a series of persuasive advertisements. ....
- d An unhealthy woman appeared in Clay's advertisement. ....
- e Clay felt pleased about the newspaper stories.  
.....

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- f Clay was angry about the reception he got from Mooneyham. ....
- g Mooneyham thought Clay wouldn't be stupid enough to go to trial. ....

## 7 Answer the questions.

- a Why didn't Clay have an easy conversation with Ridley in a restaurant?  
.....
- b Why did Clay's colleagues spend less time in the office?  
.....
- c What did Goffman make apart from Maxatil?  
.....
- d Why did Clay drop his sandwich and have problems breathing?  
.....
- e What did the newspapers demand that the government should do?  
.....
- f Why didn't Pace want to receive any more phone calls from Clay?  
.....

8 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

- a Clay was olsjuae ..... when he saw Rebecca dancing with her husband.
- b Mrs. Van Horn's smile and Clay's politeness were both fclatiriai .....
- c Clay was duzpezl ..... when Pace asked him for money.
- d Pace thought the Goffman case would be gruteoh ..... than the Dyloft case.
- e Goffman released a etesmnta ..... denying the drug was dangerous.
- f There were newspaper reports of Mooneyham's ocsviteir ..... on the wall.

## Chapters 10–12

## 9 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.

- a The Hanna brothers had received many offers to buying buy their company.
- b If Goffman won the case they wouldn't pay money to nobody anybody.
- c The survival of the company would depend of on Clay's fees.
- d Oscar had become became a close friend of Clay.
- e Clay knew he shouldn't had have dealt the shares.

- f Clay had interviewed many clients while in his time as a lawyer.
- g Battle told Clay to hope that Pace was either dead nor or hiding in Europe.

## 10 Circle the right word or words.

- a The Hanna Cement Company employed more than *a third / half* of the residents.
- b Clay was *pleased / upset* that Rebecca's marriage wasn't working.
- c Mr. Worley told his wife *sometime after / immediately* he discovered the blood.
- d Helen Warshaw talked in person to Mrs. Worley in *her house / the hospital*.
- e Clay *felt guilty / laughed* when he thought about Mr. Worley's two letters.
- f *All / Some* of the lawyers thought Warshaw was a dangerous lawyer.
- g Battle is *pessimistic / slightly optimistic* about Clay's chances of avoiding arrest.

## Chapters 13–16

## 11 Finish the sentences with the right names.

Paulette Worley Clay Rebecca Oscar Mooneyham French

- a ..... lied to a man about the settlement.
- b ..... didn't want an affair with an ex-partner.
- c ..... walked around the courtroom with a stick.
- d ..... talked to a newspaper about some letters he had written.
- e ..... talked to a Goffman lawyer about a settlement of \$2.6 billion.
- f ..... sent a letter to a patient in hospital.
- g ..... wanted to give some money to an ex-boss.

## 12 Put a word or words on the left with a word or words on the right.

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| bankrupt    | summary  |
| deep        | pills    |
| brief       | risk     |
| unnecessary | table    |
| window      | recovery |
| sleeping    | voice    |
| speedy      | company  |
| folding     | shades   |

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## 1 What's first? Number the sentences 1–10.

- a ☐ Clay meets Max Pace for the first time.
- b ☐ The FBI ask Clay questions about Max Pace.
- c ☐ A security guard asks Clay to leave Rebecca's wedding.
- d ☐ The jury finds in favor of the Goffman company.
- e ☐ Clay is attacked in the street and goes to the hospital.
- f ☒ Tequila Watson is arrested for murder.
- g ☐ Clay files a lawsuit against Ackerman Labs.
- h ☐ Helen Warshaw files a case against Clay's company.
- i ☐ Mooneyham and Clay talk about the Goffman case in Mooneyham's office.
- j ☐ Clay goes to dinner with Rebecca and her parents.

## 2 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Tequila Watson stole some money from the man he had killed. ☐
- b Rebecca's father was pleased that Clay didn't accept a job offer. ☐
- c At first, Clay didn't know that Max Pace had a bad reputation with the police. ☒
- d Ted Worley was very angry with the settlement he received. ☐
- e Everybody at Rebecca's wedding thought Clay's partner, Ridley, was very attractive. ☐
- f Max Pace paid Clay to take on the Goffman case. ☐
- g Dale Mooneyham took on a lot of big class action cases and always won them. ☐
- h Mr. Worley didn't trust lawyers. ☐
- i Tequila Watson came to see Clay after he was let out of jail. ☐
- j In the end, Clay owed millions of dollars. ☐

## 3 Answer the questions.

- a In what part of the body did Tequila shoot his victim?  
.....
- b Where did Clay have dinner with Rebecca and her parents?  
.....
- c Who did Max Pace say he worked for?  
.....
- d What negative side effects did the drug Tarvan cause?  
.....

- e Who invited Clay to join him on his private jet?  
.....
- f Which company did Clay buy shares in?  
.....
- g Who hadn't lost a jury trial in twenty years?  
.....
- h What was Mr. Worley's medical problem which eventually killed him?  
.....
- i Why did some people beat Clay up in the street?  
.....
- j Where did Clay hear the news that Goffman had won the case?  
.....

## 4 Circle the right word or words.

- a Talmadge X thought Tequila was a *violent* / *bright* boy.
- b Rebecca's father was *unconcerned* / *angry* that Clay didn't want a well paid job.
- c Ackerman Labs *knew* / *didn't know* about the problems with Dyloft.
- d Ted Worley's *urine* / *blood* test revealed unusual cells.
- e Clay's colleagues were worried that he was *spending too much* / *getting stressed*.
- f Clay made a *profit* / *loss* when Philo Products bought Ackerman Labs.
- g The girl Clay took to Rebecca's wedding was from *Japan* / *Russia*.
- h Patton French didn't want the Goffman case because he was *scared* / *didn't like it*.
- i Dale Mooneyham gave Clay a *cold* / *warm* reception.
- j Helen Warshaw was a lawyer who sued *pharmaceutical companies* / *tort lawyers*.

## 5 Finish the sentences with the right words.

- gamble chains shock joke unbearable link
- a Tequila had ..... on his wrists and ankles.
- b Clay thought Rebecca's parents were ..... on him.
- c At first, Clay thought Max Pace was playing a ..... the market in Ackerman shares.
- d Pace wanted the litigation to ..... in suing Ackerman Labs.
- e Clay thought he was taking a big ..... between Maxatil and cancer.