

JIM FLEISSNER: Well, in the first trial the defense team, led by Steven Jones, I think took on the air of a portly officer of the court. And in this trial I think that the defense is going to be much more scrappy. If you're a prosecutor, looking across the courtroom at Michael Tigar, the only legitimate thing to be feeling is to be worried because he is sharp, he is creative, he's smart, and he's very, very tough, and I think that he's--

ELIZABETH FARNSWORTH: Let me interrupt just a minute. He's the defense lawyer which I knew I meant as you as a prosecutor, what difference will it make, so go ahead.

JIM FLEISSNER: Right. He is an extraordinary lawyer. He has kind of a Clarence Darrow-like persona, and I think he's going to be a real star in this case. He has a triable case. He could win this case.

ELIZABETH FARNSWORTH: And Dan Recht, what would you add to that about Michael Tigar?

DANIEL RECHT: Michael Tigar has been my hero for the almost 20 years I've been a lawyer. He's a very good lawyer, but I guess I want to point out to be a very good courtroom lawyer doesn't mean you're tricky or sneaky. To be a very good courtroom lawyer means that you communicate well with jurors, that you--that they believe in you; that they trust you; that you seem honest, and Michael Tigar is all of those things. So I agree with, Jim. I think he's a formidable force.

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