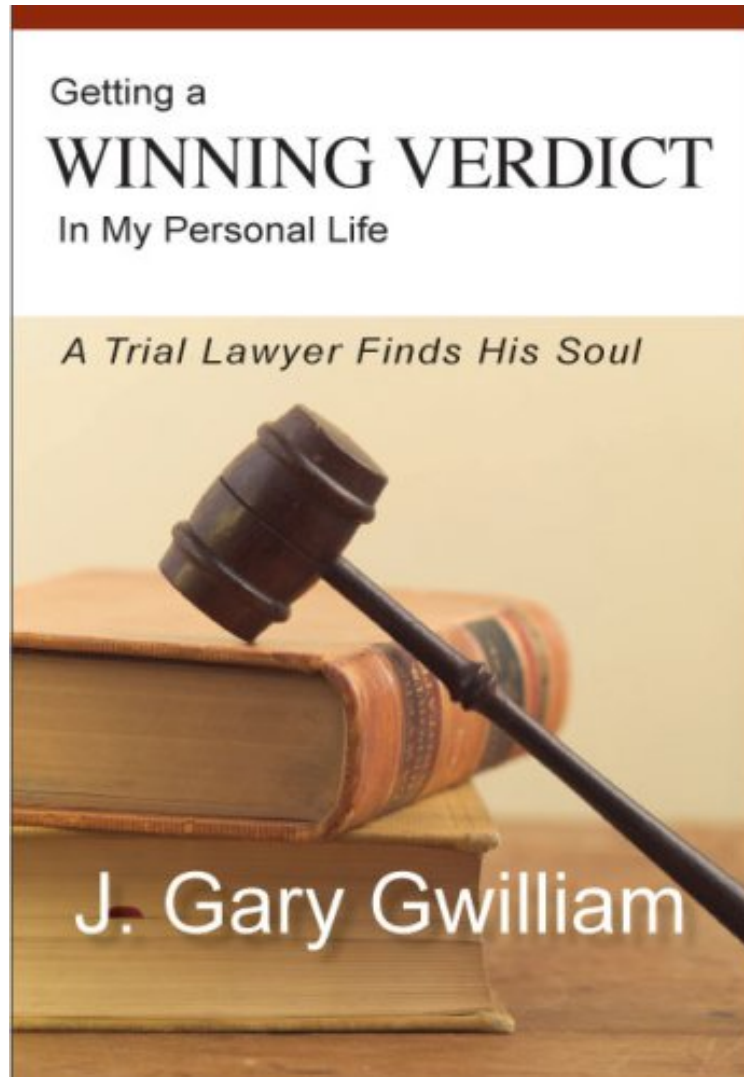


[Free] Getting a Winning Verdict in My Personal Life: A Trial Lawyer Finds His Soul

Getting a Winning Verdict in My Personal Life: A Trial Lawyer Finds His Soul

J. Gary Gwilliam

*audiobook / *ebooks / Download PDF / ePub / DOC*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#2812159 in Books Pavior Publishing c/o giccb.com 2007-07-03Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 8.50 x 6.25 x 1.251, 1.38 #File Name: 142434283X352 pages | File size: 25.Mb

J. Gary Gwilliam : Getting a Winning Verdict in My Personal Life: A Trial Lawyer Finds His Soul before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Getting a Winning Verdict in My Personal Life: A Trial Lawyer Finds His Soul:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Biased, Self-serving AutobiographyBy Craftsman JunkyI don't understand the accolades for this book. I have to be honest, I had a hard time finishing it. I was disgusted with Mr. Gwilliam's early life; what a loser. He seems to have succeeded in life despite his best efforts. It really is miraculous

he didn't spend his life in prison. Also, his name-dropping and listing of awards he's been given was starting to get annoying. He clearly has a very high opinion of himself and his accomplishments. I was grateful to make it to the end of the book, finally. I don't subscribe to the same type of spirituality as Mr. Gwilliam. He lists a number of past life readings throughout his later life that he puts a lot of stake in. I was laughing through his accounts of what he learned at these so-called readings. One of them included a part where he learned he had been a corrupt lawyer in Rome; he had been dishonest, unethical and completely self-centered. So, this life is actually to atone for the sins in that earlier life. I was also a little surprised by the story he retold about his step-father's inheritance. "Wayne left me a small inheritance. I had always assumed I would have to support him when he got older, but Wayne had lived so frugally and was so healthy that he never used up all his money... It was a good legacy from my parents." So, given that sacrifice his parents had made, does Mr. Gwilliam save the money for future generations in similar fashion? No, he blows it on a family vacation in Hawaii. Hopefully that was a financially responsible decision. I'm glad Mr. Gwilliam was able to ultimately find peace and fulfillment in this life, but I don't see him as someone to emulate. Out of the 330 pages, I found mostly lessons of things not to do. And, perhaps, one or two, that I wouldn't mind remembering. He has at least one discussion about ethics that was memorable. And here is my favorite quote I want to share from the book: "...We must try our cases with integrity. We have to try and stay in touch with our client's needs and be ready to accept the trial's outcome. We need to let go of the control and just do the best we can. If we approach cases this way, we are much better off. Even in the unhappy event of a loss, we will be able to move beyond it and learn from the experience. We must not let feelings from the loss fester and turn into anger and bitterness. In doing so, we become better human beings as well as better lawyers." (p. 259)

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Insightful and Inspiring
By Stewart Levine
Gary Gwilliam's story is a compelling tale of self-disclosure and personal growth. The simple sincerity of his friendly voice keeps you turning pages. He's a role model for what's good and right about lawyers: how they can serve; and the compassion that drives them. This book is filled with lessons for everyone, but especially lawyers and their clients. If you need a champion you can find a template of what to look for in this book!
Stewart L. Levine, Esq. , author, "Getting to Resolution;" "The Book of Agreement;" co-author "Collaborate 2.0."

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Inspiring Reading
By Eric Romano
In sharing his unique story, Gary provides an insightful, inspiring and motivating read. This book perfectly captures the thoughts and feelings that so many trial attorneys have on a daily basis, and it demonstrates just how a dedicated and caring attorney can overcome adversity and personal difficulties to pursue his clients' causes with zeal and passion. The book has left me more inspired and it has strengthened and reaffirmed my commitment to my family, to my clients and to a trial lawyer's work. I thoroughly enjoyed it. It is a must-read for every trial attorney and for anyone who genuinely wants to understand the heart, mind and soul of a trial attorney.

This Best Books finalist (USA Book News) is a true adventure of one lawyer's unflinching truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth about a journey from the bottom of alcoholic despair to sober, soulful leadership in his profession and personal life. Like most lawyers, Gwilliam was trained to win, and he's always been an expert at getting winning legal verdicts. His biggest personal (and eventually legal) wins, however, came after facing the shame and pain of a crushing courtroom defeat. This set him on a spiritual and psychological journey that caused him to look anew at every aspect of his life, including his history as a high school gang member (he still bears the scar of a poorly removed tattoo), failed marriages, and lots of partying. Lawyers are trained to wear a slick mask of impersonal confidence and never, ever let the other side see what might be perceived as a weakness. Gwilliam, however, has found that being authentic and practicing compassion creates a foundation for even better service to clients, as well as a more satisfying personal life. Readers of *Getting a Winning Verdict In My Personal Life: a Trial Lawyer Finds His Soul* often comment that the book reads like a novel, yet its truth grips and inspires people of every profession. California lawyers can receive a CLE credit in substance abuse for reading the book and passing a test on it. The test is available from Gwilliam's law firm, Gwilliam, Ivory, Chiosso, Cavalli and Brewer, in Oakland, CA.

Most great trial lawyers bare their clients' souls in their quest for Victory, but few bare their own in their personal struggle to be real. Gary lays it all out in the dramatic story of his life - the good, the bad and the ugly. His pain throbs as he reaches the bottom, and his joy abounds as he learns to live with success and the love of his life. This journey, one that few of us have the courage to travel, much less admit, has made him a greater champion of the powerless and a better person. --Morris Dees, nationally known trial attorney and founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center

Getting a Winning Verdict In My Personal Life: a trial lawyer finds his soul begins with a heartrending jury trial loss in a high-stakes products case he had hoped would be his long awaited breakthrough. As he sits alone in his car, emptying a six-pack to fill the hollow in his heart, Gwilliam starts us on a retrospective journey of his life. It's quite a ride. Throughout it all, there is a sense of a complex being who has opened his soul for our inspection, consequences be damned. It's somewhat disturbing and not a little puzzling. It's also interesting.