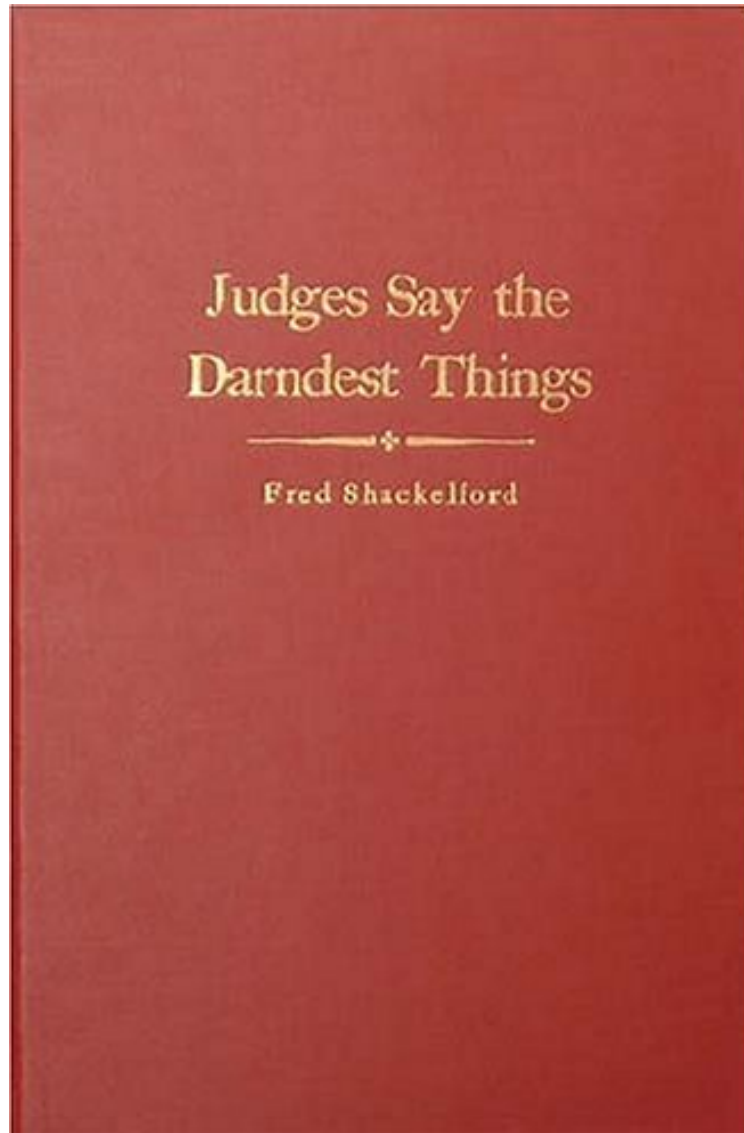


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Highly Recommend "Judges Say the Darndest Things" By Emerson Pauley Attorney Fred Shackelford's book, "Judges Say the Darndest Things," is a hugely entertaining compilation of judges' decisions. After reading this book, I am forever disabused of my image of "your honor" as a staid, black-robed automaton behind a bench. Shackelford's excerpts reveal wit, humor, eloquence, exasperation, and the occasional

poetic soul. Some excerpts from the excerpts: "Have things reached the point where courts must hold that everyone sued must pay?" Did Turnipseed consent to having her apartment searched, or was the officers' version of events "the most enormous fabrication since the wolf told little Red Riding Hood that he was her grandmother?" If a judge makes a "raspberry sound" after hearing courtroom testimony, does that indicate bias? Who was the deceased referring to when he willed "the two idiots one dollar (\$1.00) each?" How does a judge segue from the case of a "dogmatic" Airedale's attack on a five-pound Pomeranian into a discourse on how "nations owe their civilization to the dog," whose "fidelity has influenced the course of history?" Can the defendant's reference to the plaintiff's "hillbilly" relatives actually be construed as a "complimentary, envious expression?" Poetic justice? "We thought that we would never see a suit to compensate a tree." I highly recommend "Judges Say the Darndest Things." Attorneys, relatives of attorneys, and laypeople like me who enjoy the courtroom spectacle will be delighted with this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love that judicial wit

By J. R. Ashburn III  
In *Judges Say The Darndest Things*, Fred Shackelford has gathered a sampling of the amusing things that often emerge from the dusty tomes of precedent. His style of compiling these decisions is engaging, alternating between judges' pithy comments and their protracted discourses on the matters before them. Some illustrate the judge's cleverness while others are entertaining as failed attempts at wit. In one example the court can't resist a series of silly but hilarious plays on the name of a key precedent that culminate with a couple of Latin punch lines. A few examples even reveal a little known penchant for poetry, or at least doggerel, that resides on the bench. Several of the entries are interesting for the uncanny fact patterns that the courts are called upon to puzzle out and the literary style with which they describe them. Others show the exasperation that a judge can feel with a burdensome case such as the court trying to explain why it blew a raspberry at one of the parties before it. In short, Mr. Shackelford's book is an engaging look into the judges' world seen through the best and the worst, the usual and the unusual, of the work they produce. Both the legal professional and the lay reader will find much to entertain and inform in this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Even judges can be darned funny

By James P. Witt  
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An entertaining compilation of some of the most unforgettable statements ever made by judges.

From the Publisher  
Fred Shackelford's *Judges Say the Darndest Things* is a collection of humorous, surprising, and otherwise unique excerpts from American legal cases. Divided into 22 categories - such as "But I Digress," "Hyperbole, Anyone?," "Metaphorically Speaking," "Personal Injury Law," and "Tongue Twisters" - *Judges Say the Darndest Things* presents some of the most memorable statements ever made by U.S. adjudicators, culminating with two appellate decisions written entirely in poetic verse. In a landscape of oftentimes dry and monotonous legal works, Shackelford's book provides an amusing change-of-pace for anyone interested in the "lighter" side of the law.

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