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STORYTELLING
THE GENRES OF APPELLATE STORIES:
ISSUE STORIES,
CRIME STORIES

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Genres of Crime Stories

1. It didn't happen.
2. It happened, but I didn't do it.
3. It happened, I did it, but it wasn't a crime.
4. It happened, I did it, it was a crime, but it wasn't the crime charged.
5. It happened, I did it, it was the crime charged, but I'm not responsible.
6. It happened, I did it, it was the crime charged, I'm responsible, So What?

Genres of Issue Stories

1. The court made a bad ruling and I was prejudiced
2. The prosecutor did something bad, and I was prejudiced
3. A juror or jurors did something improper, and I was prejudiced
4. A witness did something improper, and I was prejudiced
5. Some external event prejudiced the trial
6. The defense lawyer at trial did something improper, and I was prejudiced.
7. The evidence was insufficient to support the verdict