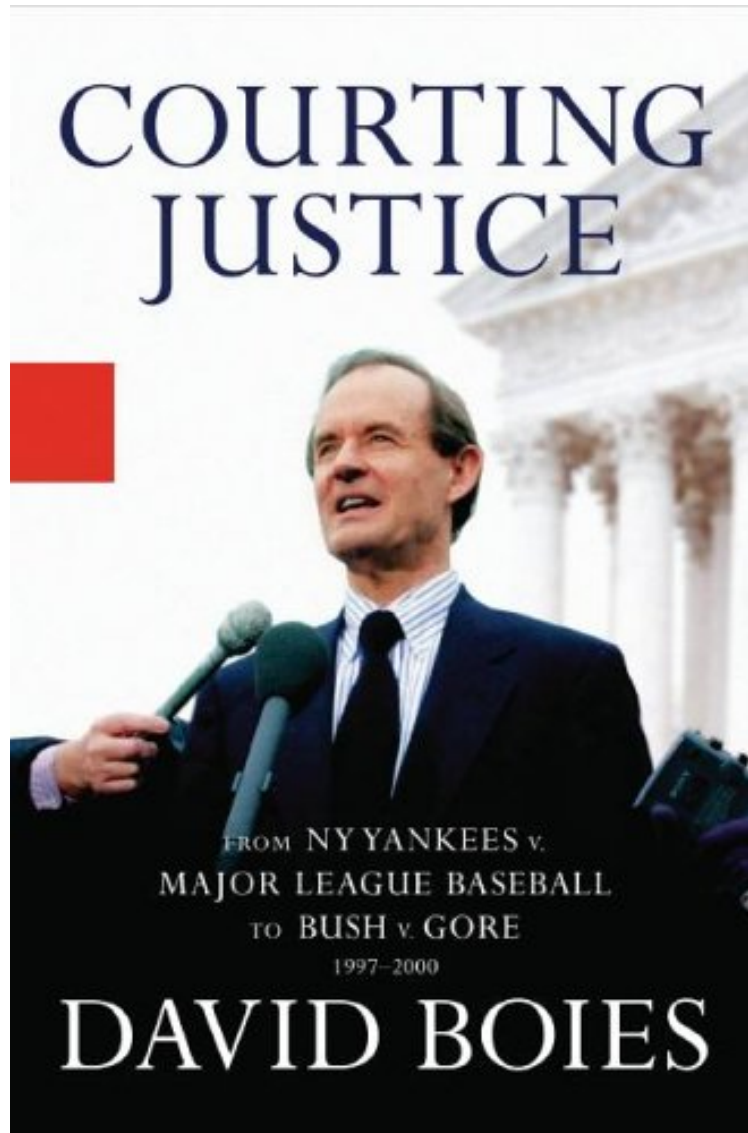


## Courting Justice: From NY Yankees v. Major League Baseball to Bush v. Gore

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The canny lawyer By L. P. F. Lafferty Boies is like all good lawyers i.e. a bit of self aggrandisement and polishing the ego but he also has delivered the goods with his court cases. Boies is

a smart lawyer who is not afraid of his opponents. Clearly Boies is ruthless in pursuit of the trophy all lawyers aspire to in any case i.e. winning. Boies likes the lime light and seems to revel in the tough battles and his results attest to his court room skills. Dont be fooled by the language because good lawyers win by good old preparation. Boies has learnt that lesson very well. Good read.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Best Legal Memoir I Have ReadBy Bobby DebelakThis excellent memoir is best read alongside Karen Donovan's profile of Boies, v. Goliath. Ive been interested in Boies for a while, after seeing Charlie Rose interview him about the Prop 8 litigation last year and, more recently, after reading Malcolm Gladwells excellent (as usual) profile of him in his last book on underdogs. Boies's career is remarkablehe was already a go-to Wall Street litigator before the DoJ hired him to prosecute the Microsoft antitrust litigation, leading Al Gores legal campaign in Florida and eventually to the Supreme Court, and now heading the Prop 8 fight. What makes these two books stand out is not just their subject, its that they manage to cover that subject from two perspectives that are independently fantastic. Donovan is a legal reporter who was assigned to cover the Microsoft trial, got to know Boies and pitched the book idea to him. He agreed, and she followed him for the miracle year following that, through Bush v. Gore. In the middle of that year, Boies was approached by a book publisher to write a memoir. In *Courting Justice*, we get a first hand view of Boies and how he thinks. Standing alone, the memoir manages to avoid the self-masturbatory tone that ruins too many other autobiographies. Then, in *v. Goliath*, Donovan paints an honest picture of Boies with a little distance. Donovan is clearly taken in by his charm, but is also not shy to point out criticisms of his work. If youre in law, and especially litigation, the books are littered with industry history and practice points. But even if youre not, the books are accessible, well edited, and interesting. Its rare to have two first-hand accounts written so well about such a deserving career. I highly recommend them in tandem.1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Teacher's kidBy Mary E. SibleyTrial, like a battle, is a zero-sum game. I thought the author could walk on water until Bush v. Gore. David Boies likes dice throwing, and compares it to litigation. Actually, he feels that analogies to war are overdone.Deposing Bill Gates in *United States v. Microsoft* was an opportunity to use the e-mail of the CEO and others in the company against the defendant. The trial of Microsoft had been dubbed the trial of the decade. After the Microsoft trial, Boies embarked upon a suit against Roche, BASF, Rhone-Polenc and others for price-fixing in the vitamin market. The case settled for more than the estimated overcharges.The auction house business used to be cozy. In 1983 Alfred Taubman purchased Sotheby's. In the late 1990's price-fixing resulted in law suits against Christie's and Sotheby's. There was a run of class-action law suits and, in a bidding process devised by the court, Boies and his firm became the lead attorneys. The cases settled. It is claimed that litigation may resemble the game Bridge, but negotiation to settle resembles Poker.When Boies entered the Bush v. Gore matter, Warren Christopher was in charge. A number of days were spent in Florida and the Florida courts. Initially there was jubilation because a recount of the undercounting state-wide was to be commenced. Then Boies learned that the U.S. Supreme Court had stopped the count from going on just prior to the scheduled December 11th hearing before it. The Court failed to show the restraint it had for two hundred years in Bush v. Gore. Justices Kennedy and O'Connor discovered a problem with the Florida procedure on Equal Protection grounds.Boies's recital of some of the notable cases in his career is never dull.

David Boies, the man dubbed by *The New York Times* as "the lawyer that everyone wants" is at the forefront of American legal icons -- his battle defending Vice President Al Gore during the 2000 Florida recount frenzy has earned him the moniker "the Michael Jordan of the courtroom." In his memoir, Boies brings to life his personal details, from an unassuming boyhood in small-town Illinois to the brief career as a cardsharp that honed his photographic memory, to the hard lessons he learned in law school along with his high-profile battles at trial. His clients have included Calvin Klein, Don Imus, Gary Shandling, and major corporations like Napster and CBS. Eye-opening and compulsively readable, *Courting Justice* is a remarkable insider's look at the upper stratosphere of American litigation.

"A great book, from one of the great lawyers of our generation." -- Don Imus"A terrific read." -- Lou Dobbs"In this crisp, energetic memoir, the ubiquitous, high-profile Boies reconstructs his role in some of the iconic legal battles . . ." -- *Publishers Weekly*"Penetrating and comprehensive." -- *Fortune*About the AuthorDavid Boies is founding partner of the law firm Boies, Schiller, Flexner, where three of his children are now lawyers. He lives with his wife and fellow lawyer, Mary, in Westchester, New York.