

# Reversal of Fortune

Alan Dershowitz  
Holy shit. Hello? Hello?

Klaus Von Bulow  
Professor Dershowitz, hello, hello. How good you to come. Won't you sit down?  
Do you play backgammon?

Alan Dershowitz  
That? No.

Klaus Von Bulow  
Most people think it is a game of luck. Actually, it is largely a matter of nerve.  
I think I should tell you that I have the utmost respect for the intelligence & integrity of the Jewish people.  
When I married Sonny, she was the most beautiful divorcee in the world, as well as one of the wealthiest. Even so, we never got this table.

Waiter  
Professor Dershowitz  
Dr. Von Bulow.

Klaus Von Bulow  
Two injections of insulin, and already I'm a doctor. In America it is fame rather than class. Now, after all this , unpleasantness, I always get the best of everything.

Alan Dershowitz  
Speaking of the unpleasantness-

Klaus Von Bulow  
Oh, I supposed we ought to discuss your fee.

Alan Dershowitz  
Got you. \$300 an hour.

Klaus Von Bulow  
Good Lord. You know that I used to be a lawyer in London... That sounds a bit steep.

Alan Dershowitz

That's average for a case like this. Besides, I do a lot of Pro Bono work. You would pay for that. Plus, I have to pay students, associates...

Klaus Von Bulow

Are you saying that if I agree to pay the \$300, you will agree to handle my appeal?

Alan Dershowitz

No. Not so far. It doesn't look like my kind of case. I'm not a hired gun. I have to feel that there is some kind of moral or constitutional issue at stake.

Klaus Von Bulow

But I am absolutely innocent, and my civil liberties have been egregiously violated.

Alan Dershowitz

I have two black kids facing the electric chair for a crime they did not commit. They are innocent.

Klaus Von Bulow

Well, before you assume I am guilty, won't you hear my story?

Alan Dershowitz

No. Never let defendants explain. It puts me in an awkward position.

Klaus Von Bulow

How do you mean?

Alan Dershowitz

Lying.

Klaus Von Bulow

But I give you my word, as a gentleman.

Alan Dershowitz

Oh. Well...

Klaus Von Bulow

Well, won't you at least read the record? See if you can find something ... constitutional?

Alan Dershowitz

You do have one thing in your favor.

Everybody hates you.

Klaus Von Bulow

Well, that's a start.

That's wonderful. Now I want the best people in the world on our side, the most prestigious experts. Nobel Prize winning scientists, the sons of your colleagues at Harvard..

Alan Dershowitz

Now wait a minute, Klaus. We've got a little problem there, OK? People like that, we can't control. They'll find one incriminating fact, and they'll tell the whole world.

Klaus Von Bulow

I'm not afraid Alan. Let the chips fall where they may.

Alan Dershowitz

That is what an innocent man would say.

Klaus Von Bulow

I know.