

In the matter of

Richard Bandler, Brahm von Huene and Dominic Luzzi,
Plaintiffs, vs John Grinder and Carmen Bostic St. Clair,
Christina Hall, Steve and Connirae Andreas,
and Lara Ewing, Defendants.

The Honorable Robert B. Yonts, Jr., presided over the trial, in the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Cruz, January 31–February 10, 2000, involving several notables in the field of Neuro-Linguistic Programming.

Intention

The intention of this document is to make available to the general NLP community a factual report of the findings, decisions and rulings of the Superior Court in Santa Cruz. It is my belief that there are significant and pervasive consequences flowing from these actions which impact the behaviors and work of many thousands of people worldwide who have an interest in the continuing development and future use of NLP.

I would like to gratefully acknowledge the especially instrumental and highly effective contribution of my attorney, Philip Burkhardt, Esq., in making possible the striking accomplishments to date in this lawsuit.

I would also like to acknowledge the ongoing support of loyal friends and colleagues, Sharon McGraham and Cherie Newland, who sat close by day after day with their steady perspective and heart, quickness of wit and flash of humor. In addition, I want to express my deep gratitude to the witnesses who came forth on my behalf for their courage, trust and confidence.

The following is a chronological summary of the salient issues and the significance of the decisions reached in this legal action to date from the perspective of Christina Hall, a primary defendant and the sole cross-complainant in this lawsuit.