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Counsel For Defense

Jerome H. Spingarn's biographical sketch entitled "Lloyd Stryker: Counsel For Defense" appearing recently in THE AMERICAN MERCURY describes Lloyd Paul Stryker as "now probably the nation's most redoubtable criminal lawyer" and illustrates his freedom from "qualms about taking advantage of his opponent's mistakes" in these words:

"When Stryker opened the argument in court, he pointed out that the prosecution had cited a case as law in its brief when, in fact, it had been reversed by a higher court. He hammered the point home:

Before citing a case in a brief, every competent lawyer checks it in SHEPARD'S CITATIONS to make sure it hasn't been reversed. Every lawyer has a copy of SHEPARD'S on his desk, and any first year law student knows that this simple check is absolutely necessary. It was very negligent of the prosecutor to fail to do this. But I am not asking his removal from office, nor am I asking his disbarment. How cruel it would be to ask that, for an unintentional offense. And yet, Your Honor, that is exactly what he is asking you to do to my client, for an error far less negligent, far less unusual, than his own!

The court was impressed with this argument and Stryker won a reversal."

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