

# Frankenstein Court Case



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## **Opening Statement:**

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, we have come here today to clear the name of our client, Victor Frankenstein. Mr. Frankenstein has been falsely accused by Mr. Creature of a plethora of untrue and unreasonable allegations. Mr. Frankenstein, a well learned and educated man, a man that has never harmed a soul, a man that has dedicated his life to scientific advancement, has also devoted his life to becoming a doctor. Mr. Creature is claiming that Mr. Frankenstein caused him trauma due to his stature and appearance. He claims this because he was made out of “raw materials.” Doctors use raw materials everyday of their careers to save lives of those in need. Do any of them get sued for performing a liver or a heart transplant? Absolutely not! They are doing their jobs; they save lives! Although my client was not paid or told to do this, he was attempting to advance the field of science. He wanted to find a way to sustain life.

Processes like these happen every day of our lives and now Mr. Frankenstein is suffering from such pretenses as causing the Plaintiff emotional and physical distress. In addition to these allegations is the claim has portrayed traits of malpractice and negligence. Mr. Creature’s reasoning for these two accusations is simply because he is self-conscious about his appearance. Does he try to change the minds of those who perceive him to be a monster? No he does not. Instead he insists on blaming Mr. Frankenstein. Furthermore, Mr. Creature walked out of Victor’s apartment on his own. Mr. Frankenstein never once shoved him out of the door, so why is he to blame for the position that Mr. Creature put himself in?

Our client, Mr. Frankenstein, is human and no human is perfect. However, regardless to any blemishes on his record, our client has not come anywhere near to committing such heinous crimes as the plaintiff has committed. Murder. Murder, not just once, but five times; three directly and two indirectly. Murder for the sake of revenge. Revenge on the man who gave him life. Revenge on an honorable man of science. The plaintiff is a murderer of innocent people; people connected to the defendant. Do not let the plaintiff fool you. He is an intelligent and devious being.

If your little brother, your best friend, and your wife were murdered would you suffer from emotional and perhaps physical distress? You would. However, do you see our client claiming such allegations against the plaintiff? You do not. Furthermore, do you believe that Mr. Creature showed emotional feeling when he described to my client how he has murdered his brother? Do you believe Mr. Creature then was suffering traumatically from emotional distress? So why then is the plaintiff claiming such outlandish accusations against the defendant? The only thing Mr. Frankenstein did to the plaintiff was give him the gift of life.

Victor Frankenstein is an honorable man. He is an intellectual man of scientific advancement and is good at what he doesn't. He was able to create life where there seemed to be none. Should that not be celebrated? Instead, the incredible talented man is being prosecuted by the one he gave life. Mr. Creature is falsely accusing Mr. Frankenstein and is doing everything in his power to see him fail. He has already murdered five people Victor holds very dear and is now going after him in a legal sense. We hope you can see how unjust these allegations are and can separate the plaintiff's fabricated tales from the truth. The real victim in this court case is my client, who has suffered both emotion and physical distress because of the evil actions of the plaintiff.

### **Cross Examination Questions for the Ethicist**

Do you think it is right for people to bring the dead back to life?

Is it possible that Mr. Creature learned his ways from Mr. Frankenstein?

(If yes) How so if Mr. Creature ran out before he got a chance to teach him anything?

(If no) Who did he learn his ways from then?

Do you believe that Mr. Creature knew right from wrong?

Why do you believe Victor created Mr. Creature?

Do you believe that perhaps Mr. Creature is just self-conscious about his appearance?

What is your opinion on murder?

Do you ever find revenge to be acceptable?

Under what circumstances is revenge acceptable?

To what extent is revenge acceptable?

So you believe revenge should never occur?

Then why are you helping defend Mr. Creature?

Did anyone in this room not allow society to accept them?

Would you befriend Mr. Creature if he gave you the chance to?

Do you believe that if you are not accepted into society that gives them the right to murder people?

#### **Follow up questions:**

Are doctors who save lives the parents of their patients?

Should people who are “hurt” kill people?

If Victor only cared for himself why was he trying to help sustain life for the human race?

When he described to Victor how he killed his brother did he seem to know right from wrong then?

## Medical Expert Cross Examination Questions

You believe that Mr. Creature has the mind of a child correct?

What age would you say he is?

Why?

Does someone of that age read?

Does someone of that age speak fluently?

Is it not true that children are constantly growing?

Does this man of an eight foot stature appear to be growing, or have any room to grow?

Is it not true that children grow up without father or mother figures and end up perfectly fine?

Why is it then that Mr. Creature killed five innocent people?

In your professional opinion do you believe that Mr. Frankenstein suffers from any mental disabilities?

Why not? Or what does he suffer from?

Do you find anything to be wrong with Mr. Creature physically other than his appearance?

Does he walk, talk, and act normally?

What exactly did Mr. Frankenstein do then to be sued of malpractice if there are not any physical disabilities caused by Mr. Frankenstein?

Does Mr. Creature appear to be more involved in Mr. DeLacey's family then Victor's?

Why?

### **Follow up Questions:**

Would you want a heart or liver transplant?

### **Cross Examination Questions for Henry Clerval**

What was the state that Victor was in when you found him after he had created Mr. Creature?

Did you have any knowledge of what Mr. Frankenstein was doing?

How long have you known Victor?

Did you ever go into Victor's lab?

Do you believe that you would have lived if Victor told you about Mr. Creature?

Why?

Why do you believe Victor did not tell you about Mr. Creature?

Who killed you?

How were you killed?

Were there any markings?

Why aren't you upset at Mr. Creature for trying to take revenge out on your best friend?

How did Victor respond to your death?

If you know that Mr. Creature murdered you then why is it that you are on his side?

#### **Follow up Questions:**

What did Mr. Frankenstein study while in college?

Do you think revenge is acceptable?

### **Cross Examination Questions for Mr. DeLacey**

Did you know that Mr. Creature was with your family for a long period of time?

What kind of financial position are you and your family in?

Can you explain how Mr. Creature was speaking to you?

So you could say that he was intelligent, correct?

Did you know that Mr. Creature stole some food from you?

Did the creature ever harm you while you two were alone?

How did the creature end up leaving?

Did he ever harm anyone while getting hit and scared away?

Did Felix report any injuries after the creature had left?

What was the conversation that you and Mr. Creature had?

Did he ever mention that he was sorry for taking food away from you and your family?

Did you ever try and stop Felix from beating him?

Blind people generally have enhanced sense right?

Can you say that you can hear well?

Do you believe that if you acted differently and helped out Mr. Creature when he was being beaten that he would not have killed as many people as he did?

Mr. Creature helped you and your family gather wood without being asked correct?

So do you believe that Mr. Creature knows the difference between right and wrong?

Why not?

#### **Follow up Questions:**

If Mr. Creature did not know right from wrong why did he not beat Felix?

Were you aware that Mr. Creature was stealing food from you?

### **Cross Examination Questions for Justin Moritz**

Did you kill William?

Why were you found with his locket in your pocket?

Where were you on the night William was murdered?

Why were you found sleeping in a barn close to William's lifeless body?

Do you believe that Victor loved his family?

Do you believe that Victor would purposely harm anyone in his family?

Why?

Did you see, or do you recognize who killed William?

Did you have a close bond with William?

Did you not have a close bond with Elizabeth?

Why do you not hate the person who killed them then?

If Mr. Creature knew that you would be sentenced to death if the locket was found on you, why are you siding with him?

If you were innocent why didn't you speak up?

Who do you blame for your death?

Did Victor put the locket in your pocket?

If Victor told you about his eight foot creation would you believe him?

You are extremely close with Victor and you did not even believe a word he says then what makes you believe that the authorities would?

#### **Follow up Questions:**

Do you like the fact that you were killed for revenge?

Why are you defending Mr. Creature then?

### **Cross Examination Questions for Mr. Creature**

- 1.) You want to be treated and deemed as a normal human being correct? Then why is it that you believe that you are exempt from human consequences?
- 2.) Are you a person that would willingly take a murderer into your home, or even befriend?
- 3.) You taught yourself how to read correct? Your defense states how you were unaware that murdering people is wrong, and you did it because of a lack of compassion. However, my question to you sir, is how did you not comprehend that murdering someone is wrong, with the amount of intelligence that you have?
- 4.) Clearly, the court can see that you are able to read, and that you have taught yourself how to read. If you are this intelligent, then why is it that you “did not know” it was wrong to take the lives that you took. Is it perhaps that you did know, and just did not care?
- 5.) The court can tell from the look on your face that you knew that Felix was beating you, and at this time you did not even think about beating him. If you knew that you could control yourself, and leave a person alone who was beating you, then why is it that you could not control yourself when these innocent people did not even lay a finger on you?
- 6.) Do you consider yourself to be an intelligent person?
- 7.) Is it not true that you read several books that a normal “toddler” would not be able to read?
- 8.) Do you realize the emotional stress you have caused my client?
- 9.) Does it not occur to you how suicidal Victor was after you killed his entire family?
- 10.) Is it perhaps that you are intelligent enough to recognize the difference between right and wrong and you just do not care?
- 11.) Do you read?
- 12.) How did you learn to read these books?
- 13.) Did Mr. DeLacey do anything while Felix was beating you?
- 14.) Why did you not fight back for defend yourself when you were being beaten?
- 15.) If you were so angry with Victor why did you never physically harm him? Or did you know that only harming the people around him would cause him emotional pain and that was the game you were playing at?
- 16.) Does this locket look familiar to you?
- 17.) What did you do with this locket?
- 18.) Why would you do that to an innocent little girl?
- 19.) Does this book look familiar to you?

- 20.) What does this book remind you of?
- 21.) Why didn't you go back to the DeLacey household if you really cared for them?
- 22.) Where did you find William?
- 23.) Did you kill William?
- 24.) Why did you kill William?
- 25.) Did you kill Elizabeth?
- 26.) Why did you kill Elizabeth?
- 27.) Did you kill Henry?
- 28.) Why did you kill Henry?
- 29.) Did you know that killing all of these people was wrong?
- 30.) Then why did you do it?
- 31.) Do you find yourself to speak, walk, and do things an average human being would do?
- 32.) Who taught them to you?
- 33.) Why did you leave Mr. Frankenstein's home?
- 34.) Did Mr. Frankenstein ever ask you to leave his home?
- 35.) Describe please to the court how you told Mr. Frankenstein how you killed William.
- 36.) Now may I ask, did you read the books, Paradise Lost, a volume of Putarch's Lives, and the sorrows of Werter?
- 37.) While you were reading Paradise Lost, did you learn any themes?
- 38.) You did not learn about the concept of good versus evil?
- 39.) Is it true that you admired those hero figures in Putarch's Lives?
- 40.) Was there any symbolic meaning to you ripping out Elizabeth's heart?
- 41.) When you were speaking to Mr. DeLacey you referred to yourself as a "detestable monster." Do you believe that you are a monster?
- 42.) Why is it that you did not react to Felix when he was beating you with a stick?
- 43.) Why is it then that you reacted to William, Elizabeth, and Henry?
- 44.) Why couldn't you seem to control yourself at those times?

45.) Why did you cry over Victor when he died?

## **Ethicist**

1.) Do you believe that it is politically correct for a parent to leave a child?

**No, I do not believe that it is right, however in this instance the child left the parent.**

2.) What do you mean when you say the parent did not leave the child and the child left the parent?

**Victor did not shove The Creature out of his home. The Creature left on his own.**

3.) Do you think it is morally right for someone to kill anyone solely for revenge?

**Absolutely not! It is never morally correct to take another life.**

4.) Do you automatically judge people by their looks?

**No I never judge a book by its cover.**

5.) Therefore, could you say that if you knew The Creature and did not judge him by his appearance, you two could perhaps become friends?

**If I knew him before he murdered people then I could say that I would become friends with him.**

6.) What does an ethicist do?

**An ethicist determines if something is morally right or wrong.**

7.) Do you think Victor should have run away from his creation?

**There are tons of father's that run away after they find out they are going to have a first child. The thought of bringing another human being in the world is scary because you have to deal with it. Victor was scared of what he had done because he had no idea what this creation might do. In other words, yes Victor had every right to take a breather away from his creation.**

8.) Do you think it is right for Mr. Creature to be punished?

**Yes, we as a nation do not let murderers go running around free. He deserves to be punished for his actions.**

9.) Is Victor someone you would trust?

**I would trust him with my life.**

10.) Do you believe that Mr. Creature should be known as a monster?

**Absolutely, if there is a murder around the neighborhood then everyone gets a notice telling them that. Why shouldn't the same be done for Mr. Creature?**

11.) Do you ever think that revenge is acceptable?

**No, especially the revenge that Mr. Creature portrayed towards Mr. Frankenstein.**

12.)Do you consider creating life to be harmful?

**Not in the least, creating life is not what causes people to do the things that they do. They make decisions all on their own.**

13.)When Victor realized what he had done did he try to fix it?

**Yes, he went chasing after Mr. Creature, and Mr. Creature insisted on playing this cat and mouse game with him.**

14.)Do you ever believe that Mr. Frankenstein was trying to play the role of God?

**No absolutely not.**

**Follow up Questions:**

Do you think it is right for a murderer to walk free?

Do you believe that Mr. Frankenstein tried to find Mr. Creature?

Do you believe that Mr. Creature was a young child?

## Medical Expert

1.) Is it true that people who commit crimes often suffer from mental disabilities?

**That is completely true. Often in jails they have psychologists to ensure the felons do not do any harm to themselves.**

2.) Is it true that people that suffer from a great deal of loss suffer from any type of distress?

**That is true.**

3.) From looking at The Creature do you see any physical disabilities other than his scaring?

**From just his looks, no I do not believe that he has any physical disabilities.**

4.) After evaluating Victor do you believe that he has any type of mental disabilities?

**I am positive that he is suffering from depression and post-traumatic stress syndrome.**

5.) What event could have caused Victor to have this distress?

**The amount of loss he has had to go through in his life.**

6.) Do you believe Mr. Frankenstein was in the right state of mind while he was creating Mr. Creature?

**I believe that he was definitely just trying to make history happen.**

7.) How long after the stressful event can symptoms of the disorder occur?

**Immediately after the event symptoms can occur.**

8.) What can these conditions lead to?

**These conditions can lead to suicide.**

9.) Do you believe that Mr. Frankenstein was suicidal?

**Absolutely, he was showing symptoms of committing suicide daily.**

10.) Do you believe that every event that happened caused Mr. Frankenstein to feel the way he does?

**Yes.**

### Follow up Questions:

Would you say abandonment is the same as leaving someone's home?

Would you say that a child can read advanced books?

## Robert Walton

1.) When you met Victor where was he?

**When I saw Victor he was on a sheet of ice floating in the ocean and I was on my way to the North Pole.**

2.) When you met Victor what kind of state was he in?

**He was in an awful state, he could barely move if at all. I truly was fearful of his life every second of every day.**

3.) Do you believe that the fact that Victor had opened up to you showed his side of compassion?

**Absolutely, Victor told me that he never told that story to anyone because he was fearful of their lives. However, the brotherhood that he and I developed truly shows how much of a nice and giving person he is.**

4.) Do you believe that from the story Victor told you that he was intentionally creating such a monster?

**Not once did the thought cross my mind.**

5.) Do you believe that Victor would ever put any person in danger?

**Not intentionally, no.**

6.) Did Victor ever ask you to do something for him?

**Yes he did.**

7.) What was it that he asked?

**He asked for me to help him kill Mr. Creature.**

8.) When he told you his story, did he mention Mr. Creature at all?

**Yes he did.**

9.) Did he mention what Mr. Creature had done?

**Yes he did.**

10.) Did he seem distraught?

**Yes he did.**

11.) After the story, what happened to Mr. Frankenstein?

**He passed away.**

12.)What do you find to be the cause of his death?

**Mr. Creature was the cause of his death because of all the stress he put onto his life.**

13.)Do you believe that Mr. Creature brought the stresses of his life onto himself?

**Yes I do.**

14.)Do you believe that Mr. Frankenstein had all of these stresses due to Mr. Creature?

**Yes I do.**

15.)Did you ever see Mr. Creature?

**Yes I did.**

16.)Did you ever have a conversation with Mr. Creature?

**Yes I did.**

17.)What was said?

**He said that he was going to die, and that he was going to Hell.**

18.)Do you believe that Mr. Creature ever felt sorry for what he had done?

**Yes I do.**

19.)Why?

**He was weeping over Mr. Frankenstein when he was dead.**

20.)Do you believe what Victor told you?

**Every word of it I believe to be true.**

**Follow up Questions:**

When Mr. Creature was crying over Mr. Frankenstein's dead body did he seem remorseful?

If so, should he not have known right from wrong?

## William Frankenstein

1.) Why is it that when you first saw The Creature you were horrified by his appearance?

**As a young child you only see so many faces, and I had not yet experienced the diversity of others.**

2.) Do you believe that Victor would ever commit a murder?

**Absolutely not, Victor would never even hurt a fly.**

3.) Do you believe that Victor would ever put you in harm's way?

**Absolutely not, Victor loved me more than anyone I have ever known.**

4.) Why was it that you did not go with The Creature and see how that way of life would have turned out?

**Would you ever go with away with a complete stranger? Especially after I saw the way he got incredibly angry when he found out that I was Victor's brother.**

5.) How did The Creature act when he found out that you were the brother of Victor Frankenstein?

**As I had said before, he became incredibly angry. It was as if you could see the blood boiling within him.**

6.) In detail, I would like you to explain how you died.

**Mr. Creature saw me playing and wanted me to be his life-long friend. He tried to convince me but he noticed that I was related to Mr. Frankenstein. When he saw that I was related to Mr. Frankenstein he picked me up by my throat and strangled me to death.**

7.) Can you show the court what kind of grip he had on your throat with your hands?

8.) Can you show the court who killed you?

9.) Do you believe that Victor knew Mr. Creature would kill your entire family?

**Victor had absolutely no idea what Mr. Creature would do; if he did he would have never created him.**

10.) If you were to put the blame on one person that caused all of this destruction who would that person be?

**Mr. Creature caused all of this destruction.**

11.) Is it true that you mocked Mr. Creature?

**Yes it is true, I did mock him. I called him an ogre.**

12.)Why did you mock him?

**If you were in my position and you saw something that you have never seen before, you would be cautious at first. As an eight year old little boy the only defense mechanism that I had was verbal defense. I did not know what to say to him or how to react so I acted irrationally. However, Mr. Creature definitely acted more irrationally then I did.**

13.)What was Mr. Creature's reaction as he was killing you?

**He seemed happy, as if this was a normal thing that people did.**

14.)Did Mr. Creature seem remorseful at all?

**No, he seemed thrilled that I was dead.**

15.)Did Mr. Creature steal anything from you?

**Yes, the locket that was found on Justine he stole from me.**

**Follow up Questions:**

Do you think any human being could defend themselves against an eight foot man?

\*Do you have the same mother?

\*Would you do anything to have your mother back?

\*Even if it meant creating a creature?

## Elizabeth Frankenstein

1.) How did you feel when you found out that Victor had a creation, and kept it from you?

**I cannot lie it hurt my feelings that he would keep something from me. However, after I had reviewed his reasoning for not telling me I realized that all he was trying to do was protect me.**

2.) Do you believe that there was a reason why Victor had created The Creature?

**Yes, after our mother passed away when we were in our adolescent years I can say that it was an intentional project to perhaps one day bring our mother back.**

3.) What did The Creature do to you?

**He crept into the bedroom while Victor and I were on my honeymoon and he ripped out my heart.**

4.) Do you believe that The Creature's reasoning for doing so is justified?

**Absolutely not! Murder is never justified.**

5.) Could you say that you suffered from emotional distress from The Creature's actions?

**Definitely, I had to deal with the deaths of all of my family members as well as the traumatic stress that Victor had to deal with, and I had to watch him go through it all.**

6.) Is it true that before you were married to Victor, you were his adopted cousin?

**Yes that is true.**

7.) When you first began to know Victor as a close friend, what was he like as a person?

**To me Victor was a very loving and caring man, very trust worthy and honest.**

8.) Where did Victor leave the family to go to?

**He left for college, The University of Ingolstadt.**

9.) What did he go to study?

**Chemistry.**

10.) When he went off to school, and began making the creature how was he acting towards you and the family?

**He was not really talking to us, and we all knew it's because he was studying.**

11.) At the time of Victor's experiment, did you consider him overly obsessed with it?

**I did not consider him obsessed at all, just very interested in his studies, and eager to learn.**

12.) When you found out who killed William, did you feel that it was Victor's fault?

**No, I don't feel it was Victor's fault for William's death because he didn't know where the creature was.**

13.) How did you die?

**When Victor and I went away for our honey moon, he went outside for a moment to see if everything was safe. That's when the creature snuck into our room, jumped on top of me and tore my heart out of my chest.**

14.) Do you believe the monster had all intentions to kill you, and knew what he was doing?

**Yes, I do believe that the creature had every intention to kill me, and he knew what he was doing he was very aware of his actions.**

**Follow up Questions:**

Do you think Mr. Creature knew the human body well enough to know that ripping out your heart would kill you?

## Victor Frankenstein

- 1.) Did you not know that when your creation was done, you would have to deal with the death toll of your family members?

**I had absolutely no idea when I was initially creating him that he would kill every one of my family members, I had assumed that he would be a normal human being with feelings and that he would take the life of others as seriously as he took his own.**

- 2.) Why was it that you did not say anything when you found out for sure that The Creature killed your family members?

**I did not want to terrify my family members by telling them what I had done. I thought that I was protecting them from The Creature instead I was putting them more so into harm's way.**

- 3.) When you met with Robert Walton what made you change your mind to finally open up and tell the story of your creation?

**I had enough of The Creature taking advantage of my family. I had enough of him thinking that he could control everyone and everything around him. I knew that something had to be said, and I also knew I was the only one who could say something.**

- 4.) When you saw William dead, what was your initial reaction, after you had assumed it was The Creature who had killed him?

**My initial reaction was that I wanted to find the person who had done this to my little brother and make him pay for his consequences.**

- 5.) Do you firmly believe to this day, that The Creature was fully aware of his actions, and solely killed your family members for revenge?

**There is not one doubt in my mind that The Creature knew exactly what he was doing, and that he was doing it just for revenge and he had every intention for making me pay for "what I did to him".**

- 6.) Why did you make Mr. Creature?

**I wanted to finish Waldman's work. After the death of my mother I was very interested in how to make life after death. After Waldman already started the work all I had to do was finish his work.**

- 7.) Did you want to make Mr. Creature a normal human being?

**Absolutely, that is why I created him in the first place.**

- 8.) Did you ever want Mr. Creature to leave you?

**No, I never once wanted him to leave or shove him out of my apartment. When I returned to my apartment he was gone.**

9.) Why did you not help Justine when you knew she was going to be killed?

**I was traumatized after the death of my brother and the fact that Mr. Creature was going to be associated with another death of someone I cared deeply about.**

10.) Did you ever find yourself harming your family?

**No, I would never have harmed them intentionally.**

11.) How did you feel when you saw that your wife was dead?

**I was mortified.**

12.) Why do you think that Mr. Creature mauled your new bride to be?

**I would not make a female companion for Mr. Creature so he decided to take away my companion, lover, and friend.**

13.) How did you feel after Mr. Creature was finished?

**I was in a daze, amazed at what I had done, but at the same time scared because I had no idea what my creation was capable of after I had completed him.**

14.) Do you believe that Mr. Creature had a plan to kill your family?

**I believe at first he did not have a plan to kill my family, just myself, but after he knew how it felt to kill someone, I feel as though he felt glory in it. I also know for a fact that Mr. Creature was going to kill someone on my wedding night because he outright said so.**

15.) After speaking with Mr. Creature do you believe that he was an intelligent being?

**Absolutely, he spoke perfectly and I did not seem to notice any discrepancies.**

16.) Would you say that you also had to suffer from physical and emotional distress just as Mr. Creature claimed that he did?

**Absolutely if not more than Mr. Creature did.**

17.) Would you ever make another creation?

**Yes.**

18.) Why would you not make another creation for Mr. Creature then?

**Mr. Creature wanted another creation for revenge, and mine would be strictly to advance science.**

19.) Was your health in decline?

**Yes.**

20.)Did you think Mr. Creature was still alive?

**No.**

21.)What were your intentions when making Mr. Creature?

**I was trying to advance the field of science.**

22.)Did you believe that the creation of Mr. Creature would result in all of these killings?

**No.**

**Follow up Questions:**

Isn't it true that when you were creating Mr. Creature you were not in the right state of mind?

## **Closing Argument**

Your honor, ladies and gentlemen of the jury we hope that you realize who the true victim was in this court room. Mr. Frankenstein is not only innocent of all accusations but a victim himself in the hands of the plaintiff. Mr. Frankenstein was the person who was extremely suicidal. Mr. Frankenstein was the one who was left alone and without family. Mr. Creature chose to be alone in life. Mr. Frankenstein did not choose that life style. Mr. Creature's attorneys have stated that they want to and I quote "expose those who believe they are above the system." Fighting for Mr. Creature will make him believe he is above the system once again. Should that not be punished? We do not believe that Mr. Creature feels any remorse for what he has done. In fact, he emotionally derails Mr. Frankenstein after he mauled Elizabeth by leaving notes for my client to repeatedly find him. He thrived in the fact that he made Mr. Frankenstein pay. The plaintiff himself told the court that he is intelligent and knows right from wrong. He knew exactly what he was doing. He admitted under oath that he was seeking revenge on Mr. Frankenstein. How then can he still make these false accusations towards my client? Mr. Frankenstein was trying to find a way to bring his mother back to life after he lost her to scarlet fever. He was trying to finish the work of Professor Waldman. He was trying to make sense of the world that had taken his mother away from him. Mr. Frankenstein has suffered through unspeakable acts such as his personal health decline and the deaths of numerous people in his family. Should he not be suing the plaintiff for what he put him through? Mr. Creature was the one who left and went out into the world on his own; he learned how to read, speak, write, and think intelligently in an evil and vengeful way. Let's not forget he killed five innocent people out of revenge. Mr. Creature chose to take away everyone from Mr. Frankenstein. Jury members, remember the facts of the court case. Our opponents failed to prove the fact that our client neglected theirs. There are plenty of people out in the world who kill others, but are their parents to blame for their killings? Absolutely not. How can you neglect someone who leaves before you get a chance to teach them anything? Our opponents fail to show how Mr. Frankenstein is guilty of malpractice. Does Mr. Creature not have a beating heart? Does Mr. Creature not have a working brain? Does Mr. Creature not have every organ in his body working properly? Is Mr. Creature perhaps self-conscious about his appearance and is

that why he is taking revenge on Mr. Frankenstein? Our opponents did not prove that Mr. Creature suffered from a substantial amount of physical or emotional distress. In fact, Victor Frankenstein is the one who suffered from emotional and physical distress. Thank you.

**Reflection (Julie Lynch):**

Over the course of the trial, I learned and expressed many new traits and abilities. From the start I had to not only decide on what questions to ask the witnesses but also help the witnesses of team Victor be ready for the opposing lawyers cross examination. This helped me be able to assess the trial from both standpoints. Also, during the trail I had to be able to come up with questions on the spot for both teams, requiring critical thinking. This was helpful in getting the most positive view of our client. I believe my colleague and I had prepared our self and our team very well for the trail. Each witness seemed very ready and able to answer both our and the opposing teams questions. At the end of the trail I feel we had proved our client's innocence enough to win the trail. The amount of evidence we had strongly outweighed the amount of the plaintiffs. The plaintiff's team did not seem to be ready for all the questions my team had prepared and I can only hope the jury was able to see the many voids in their accusations. I believe my team did our absolute best at defending our client and was able to convince the court of it as well.

**Reflection (Amanda Gregory):**

From my experiences with this court trial I learned a lot about myself, as well as the legal system. First of all, this court case finally made me decide what I wanted my intended major to be in college; law. I was never definite about being a lawyer but I had so much fun with this project that I knew I was destined to be a lawyer. There was a lot of work that went along with this project however I did not mind the work because it was fun. I have absolutely no complaints about this project. As far as academically I would definitely say that this project helped me understand the novel Frankenstein a lot better as well. This project also made me work on my critical thinking skills because I had to come up with questions on the spot. I would also say that my team as well as I did our absolute best to succeed in this trial. Everyone knew what the answers to their questions were and did very well in the cross examination. I firmly believe that each and every one of my witnesses knew their part. Julie was also a great co-worker. She was very determined and hard-working and when we were doing our work that

really shined through. She did not want to take no for an answer and she proved to me that if there was a way to make Mr. Creature look bad she would find it. There is no doubt in my mind that I would love to be the lawyer for another English class case, and this was by far the best and most memorable assignment of my high school career.