

# **WHY I LOST**

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## **The Four Pillars of Affirmance**

- Stare decisis
- The standard of review
- Error preservation and waiver
- Harmless error

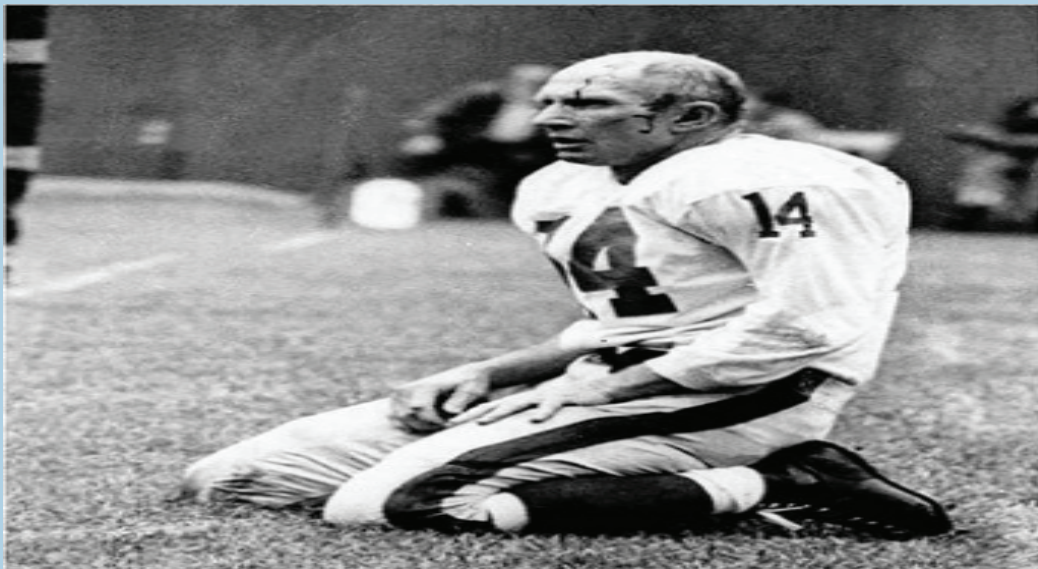
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## Chances of Reversal in Civil Cases

- 30% for civil cases in general
- 20% for bench trials
- 27% for jury trials
- 25% for motions for summary judgment

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# Why Did We Lose? Why Did We Win?

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