

## COURT TV

Trial Heat 2/14/05

DG=Darren Gelber

WOMAN: Introduce my special guest here, joining me in New York, Darren Gelber, criminal defense attorney joining us. Hello to you.

DG: Hi, how are you?

WOMAN: Alright.

DG: A really terrific series of closing arguments by both defense attorneys. They really rallied this jury I think to consider some very, very serious and powerful issues that are presented in this case. I'm surprised the ending didn't even draw an objection from the prosecutor.

WOMAN: I know.

DG: Normally, normally defense attorneys aren't permitted to make this case a broader case. A nationwide cause, if you will. But that's what these defense attorneys seem to have done. They've argued to the jury that convicting children of murder simply is not something our society should do. This is about as tough a case as you can every imagine for a group of twelve people to decide and the defense closing did a terrific job of rallying I think the sentiments in a jury about the importance of their job and the incredible task that a jury performs in our criminal justice system.

WOMAN: Darren Gelber, what do you make of that?

DG: The jury's ultimately going to speak for the grandparents and the jury is going to be the one, not the prosecution, the defense attorney who determines whether this act was excusable or not.