**Dan/Danielle Woofer**

You are 17 years old, but look like you're at least 20. A few months ago, you went to Magnolia Hi-Fi to buy a new stereo system and signed a contract for a $1,000 set-up. Before you signed, the salesman asked whether you were over 18 and you said yes, or rather "Give me a break, how old do I look!" The contract required you to put $300 down and pay $50 monthly. You put down the $300, but two weeks later you decided that you wanted out of the contract because your new girlfriend/boyfriend said your speakers were "sad" and couldn't "kick it." You took

the stereo back to the store and demanded your money back.

**You want out of the contract and you believe it is void because you are a minor.**

**Mac/Marcy Magnolia**

You are the head salesman at Magnolia Hi-Fi and take great pride in the fact that your stereos "rock." A couple months ago, you sold a sweet $ 1,000 set-up to a guy named Dan (or girl named Danielle). The customer looked pretty young, so you were sure to ask whether he/she was over 18 before he signed the contract. The customer said yes. The contract required $300 down and $50 monthly. The customer paid the $300 and took the stereo home. However, two weeks later, the customer returned the stereo and said they wanted to get out of the contract. You refused because the contract was signed. After all, teenagers can't just go around

breaking contracts and getting away with it because they're young, especially when they lie about their age!

**You think the contract is valid if the customer signed it and claimed to be over 18. You don't think it should matter that the customer is actually 17 years old, and therefore a minor.**

**Charlie/Charlene Cheap**

You have a daughter named Charity who recently celebrated her 18th birthday. A couple years ago, you promised to pay her $1,000 when she turned 18. However, she has been very rebellious in recent months and you no longer think she deserves the money. In fact, you think she might even use the cash to party with her rowdy friends and get into trouble. Her grades were terrible last semester and you think she could even be doing drugs. When you told Charity that you had decided not to give her the $ 1,000 for her birthday as you had promised, she was

very upset. To your disbelief, she claimed you had entered an oral contract and threatened to sue you for the money!

**You don't think you should have to pay Charity the $1,000 you promised. After all, you didn't sign anything.**

**Charity Cheap**

You recently celebrated your 18th birthday. A couple years ago, your dad promised to pay you $ 1,000 when you turned 18. When your birthday finally rolled around, he refused to give you the money because you have been very rebellious during recent months and your grades have declined. He even had the nerve to accuse you of doing drugs! You have been hanging out with a pretty wild crowd, but your dad never said you had to be a straight "A" student to get the money. You saw an episode of Ally McBeal that gave you an idea about how to get the cash out of your pop. You threatened to sue him for the money because he entered into an "oral contract" with you when he promised to pay you $1 ,000 on your 18th birthday.

**You want the money you were promised. You believe your dad's promise met all the requirements of an oral contract.**

**Nick/Nicky Novice**

You are a student at the University of Washington. After a very stressful semester, you decided to do something adventurous and spend spring break skiing at Whistler with a group of friends. You had never been skiing before, so you contacted the ski school in the area to set up a couple lessons. When you explained that it would be your first time on skis, the instructor said that you would need at least four lessons before you could hit the slopes at Whistler, for your own safety

of course. Four lessons sounded a little excessive to you, but you didn't want to go back to school in a cast! Upon arrival, you reluctantly signed a contract for four lessons priced at $300 each (or $1200), to be paid in monthly installments of $ 100 for the next twelve months. After the first two lessons, you realized you had been scammed. You learned the basics in one session and the instructor spent the rest of the time admiring his/her reflection in your ski goggles.

**You want out of the contract. You think it was unconscionable because it was extremely unfair. You claim there was uneven bargaining power because the instructor was a pro and you were just a beginner.**

**Sly/Sylvia Slopes**

You are an arrogant ski instructor at a resort near Whistler. After failing to make the last Winter Olympics, you got stuck teaching beginners at the local ski school. You are very bitter and charge unfairly high prices for your lessons, often taking advantage of first-time skiers by claiming they need several lessons before they can safely ski at Whistler. You make them sign contracts for packages of four lessons when they actually learn everything they need to know in one. You are now being hassled by a customer that you taught during spring break with a claim

that the contract was unconscionable. You maintain the contract is completely valid and binding because the law doesn't protect stupid consumers. Besides, you didn't hold a gun to anyone's head and force them to sign up for lessons.

**You think the contract was valid. The customer was just too dumb to do any research and find out it was a bad deal. You don't believe that a contract has to be fair to be valid.**

**Larry/Lorinda Law**

You are the sheriff of the small town of Lake City. Recently, there has been a string of bold robberies in which thieves have made off with hundreds of lawn ornaments from yards in the neighborhood, including many prized plastic geese. Subsequently, you got a call from the president of "Citizens Against the World", a grass roots neighborhood watch program in the area that is made up of a bunch of nuts! They patrol their neighborhood like some sort of paramilitary group. The president of CAW demanded that you order a manhunt for the thief. You brushed it off and am later discovered a flyer stating that CAW was offering a $1000

reward for the capture of the lawn ornament thief. A few days later, you were sitting in the local doughnut shop and happened to spy the thief in a yard across the street, just as he was making off with two plastic flamingos. You stuffed your half-eaten jelly glaze into your shirt pocket, ran across the street, and single-handedly captured the thief. When you called CAW to claim the reward, they refused! They said you didn't deserve the money because it's your job to catch

criminals, and boy are you mad.

**You feel that you have a valid claim to the reward money. After all, why should it matter that you're the sheriff? That's discrimination! You don't think CAW should be able to get out of the reward contract.**

**Norm/Nora Neighbor**

You are the president of a grass roots neighborhood watch program in Lake City, an overly enthusiastic group that calls itself "Citizens Against the World" (or CAW). When you flunked out of high school, you discovered that you couldn't be a fighter pilot in the air force, so now you patrol the streets of your neighborhood in military clothing. Recently, there has been a string of bold robberies in which thieves have made off with hundreds of lawn ornaments from yards in the neighborhood, including many prized plastic geese. You contacted the sheriff, but

doubt anything will be done. In your opinion, the sheriff is a lazy, doughnut-eating slob. Utterly appalled by these crimes, and concerned for the safety of your own little ceramic lawn trolls, you immediately called a special meeting of CAW. The group collected $1000 and offered it as a reward for the capture of the thief. A few days later, the sheriff captured the thief. To your disgust, the sheriff had the nerve to try and claim the reward! You have refused to pay the reward to the sheriff because it is his job to catch criminals.

**You don't think the sheriff should be able to collect your reward for simply doing his job. You would have been more than happy to honor the contract if somebody else had captured the thief, but not the sheriff.**

**Nell Needy**

You are an unemployed artist, obsessed about whether your boyfriend/girlfriend (Butch/Barbie) is faithful to you. He/she is a model and poses live for artists for a living, which drives you insane with jealousy. You meet Sam Stalker one night at a shady bar. When the two of you get to talking, you get an idea. If only you could have someone follow your honey and find out for sure if he/she is faithful, then you would feel much better. So you offer Stalker $300 to

follow Butch/Barbie and beat up anyone who tries to touch him/her. Stalker accepts, but comes back a week later and tells you Butch/Barbie is completely faithful to you. HA, you know better than that, does this Stalker think he can pull one over on you?! You refuse to pay the $300.

**You don't think you have to honor a contract that wasn't properly carried out. You are sure that youare being cheated on, so why should you have to pay Stalker $300 when the job wasn't done right!**

**Sam/Samantha Stalker**

You are an ex-convict and have been out of the slammer for a couple years now. One night you meet Ned/Nell at a shady bar. As it turns out, this poor sap is a mess because he/she thinks his significant other (Butch/Barbie) is unfaithful. You feel sorry for Ned/Nell, so when he/she offers you $300 to follow the cheater and beat up anyone in the way, you eagerly accept. You follow Butch/Barbie for a week, but don't uncover any cheating. When you go back to Ned/Nell to report the news and collect your $300, Ned/Nell refuses on the grounds that you didn't do

your job or you would have caught Butch/Barbie for sure!! You are extremely agitated and want the money for the job you agreed on and carried out.

**You don't think someone can get out of a contract just because the results turn out different than they expected. After all, you did your part of the bargain!**