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How to Make Your Appeal Appealing Telling a Good Post Trial Story

- **1.** Appellate judges find stories on appeal more persuasive than pure legal argument.
- 2. You should consider whether to hire special appellate counsel, who can bring a fresh perspective to your case.
- **3.** If you represent the less sympathetic party to the case, you need to switch the narrative so that your client's story seems compelling.
- **4.** An appellate brief needs to be written as if the reader knows nothing about your case.
- 5. Have a them and return to it repeatedly during oral argument.

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