

## Proceeding

1 your own home?" And the witness said "No". You can't say  
2 to yourself "Oh, she must own her own home because she was  
3 asked that question". This doesn't work that way. It's  
4 the question and the answer that's the evidence.

5 Now, during the course of the questioning any lawyer  
6 may make objections. They make their objections based on  
7 their understanding of the law and I make my rulings based  
8 on my understanding of the law and since I am the sole  
9 judge of the law in this case what I say goes.

10 So, if I sustain the objection that means I believe the  
11 question or the answer is improper. You may not consider  
12 it. If I overruled the objection that means I believe the  
13 question or the answer is proper. You may consider it.

14 Please don't resent the fact that these lawyers object  
15 because I don't.

16 Please don't think that I like one lawyer better than  
17 the other or that I have an opinion about this case, I  
18 don't. I know as much about this case as you do. I will  
19 hear it unfold with you.

20 I make my rulings solely on my understanding of the law  
21 and I am the sole Judge of the law in this room.

22 But, you are the most important judges in this room  
23 because you are the sole judges of what did or did not  
24 happen in this case. You will decide the facts here, not  
25 me.

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