

Thomas Carr Comments on Casey Anthony Trial Outcome

Local attorneys that have sat on both sides of the courtroom aisle say the prosecution in the Casey Anthony case fought an uphill battle.

Defense Attorney Thomas Carr of Tully Rinckey says, "After six weeks of testimony the jury deliberated for 10 hours. It is pretty clear they felt the prosecution hadn't met their burden."

Former prosecutor and attorney Arnold Proskin says, "Did she do it? Maybe. But they couldn't prove beyond a reasonable doubt. Therefore she may have done it, but she is not guilty."

Carr says based on the evidence presented at trial it was hard to see how the jury could have come to a different verdict.

Proskin says the state had a lot of speculation, but not a lot of facts.

It was a trial that played out in papers, on the air and online.

Attorneys say social media will continue to play a role in big name cases.

Carr says with the information reaching a larger audience and faster, it could be hard to keep a jury away from the information.

Carr says, "I think when it comes to sequestering they will have to give up phones and even TV coverage and for six weeks that is a hardship on jurors."

And for Proskin, finding jurors, ones that haven't heard the early details becomes a bigger challenge in an already difficult process.

Proskin says, "So instead of asking 200 they might have to ask 400 people but they will find them. Might take more time, might take more time."