

HARDEEN



Inherits his
Brother's Secrets

"FOURTH: I give, devise and bequeath
to my brother, THEODORE, Professionally
known as "HARDEEN"

all my theatrical
effects, new mysteries and illusions and ac-
companying paraphernalia, to be burnt and
destroyed upon his death:

Houdini

HOUDINI'S
WILL



Makes possible the continuance of
HOUDINI'S MASTER MYSTERIES

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EX POST

No magician – not David Copperfield, not even Harry Houdini – can produce a rabbit from a hat unless the rabbit is in the hat to begin with. Moreover, if a hat does not contain such an animal, a magician cannot claim that anything he is able to produce from it is in fact a rabbit, no matter how sincere he may be or how great his forensic skills.

Stephen S. Trott

Compassion in Dying v. State of Washington,
85 F.3d 1440 (9th Cir. 1996)
(dissenting from denial of rehearing en banc)



SUM JUSTICE

SMITH V. SMITH,
938 N.E.2D 857 (IND. APP. 2010)

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Consider the saga of Morgan and Bruce,
Who were wed twenty years before he cut her loose.

Although they had children, there wasn't a fight
Over who'd be the parent to get them at night.

No, the issue, of course, which made their teeth gnash
Was: how would the court distribute their cash?

Before he could figure how much to allot
To each, the judge tallied the marital pot.

After two decades of conjugal life,
There was only six thousand 'twixt husband and wife.

The judge did his best to be generous and
Awarded to Morgan eleven-plus grand.

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Thus, sadly for Bruce, all he got to survive
Was the remaining negative five.

Bruce didn't think this was a very fair deal
And directed his lawyer to file an appeal.

He wanted a higher court to declare
That Morgan could not get more than was there.

The Indiana State Court of Appeals
Agreed Bruce had gotten the rawest of deals.

It ruled a divorce court, no matter how kind,
Cannot grant one spouse more than it can find.



So, husbands and wives, before you've recourse,
To benevolent judges in courts of divorce,

Remember they're bound by the principle that
They can't conjure money out of a hat.

