**We the People**

**“Criminal versus Civil Lawsuits”**

**Mr. Fernandez**

1. Why do you think there is a higher standard of proof for criminal cases? Give two reasons.
2. What does “Beyond a reasonable doubt” mean anyway? Put it in your own words…
3. Why do firms such as “Morgan and Morgan” advertise so much on tv, radio and internet?
4. Fill in the blanks: “Call 683-\_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_” Why or how did you know this answer?
5. View the short documentary linked on the website about the McDonald’s coffee case from 1994 and answer the following:
   1. Why did this case draw so much attention in American culture?
   2. What was “lost” in the midst of all the publicity?
   3. What was the general public perception of Liebeck’s case?
   4. List three specific facts of this case:

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* 1. What did she originally want from McDonald’s?
  2. How many burn complaints had been filed against McDonald’s between 1983 and 1992?
  3. What does “statistically insignificant” mean?
  4. Explain two of the arguments made by McDonald’s in court.
  5. Based on this short review, would you have awarded Ms. Liebeck any of the following p or punished McDonald’s:

* + 1. Compensatory (specific amount for the cost):
    2. General (pain and suffering):
    3. Punitive (punish the defendant in order to make changes):