

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

IS THIS MISCONDUCT?

Heather Grace is a young prosecutor with hopes of one day becoming a judge. One afternoon, her boss tells her that she is going to be the lead prosecutor on a case against Thomas Allen Leslie, a well-known businessman in the community who goes by the nickname TAL. The charges against TAL are fraud, bribery, and conspiracy.

Grace's boss comments, "I knew this fool when I was in college. He's been getting into things he shouldn't all along. It's about time we got this jerk."

Grace is curious about her boss's prior relationship with TAL. She asks, "How well did you know him when you were in college?"

Her boss responds, "We got to know each other real well. But then he stole my girlfriend and married her. I can't wait to see this idiot burn at the stake."

A bit of concern passes through Grace when she hears her boss say, "Keep me in the loop on everything about this case. We need to nail him. You do well on this one, and I will make sure that you are taken care of."

YOU DECIDE

1. Should Grace tell any of her coworkers about her boss's connection to TAL? Why or why not?
2. Would you treat this case any differently than you would treat other cases? Explain.