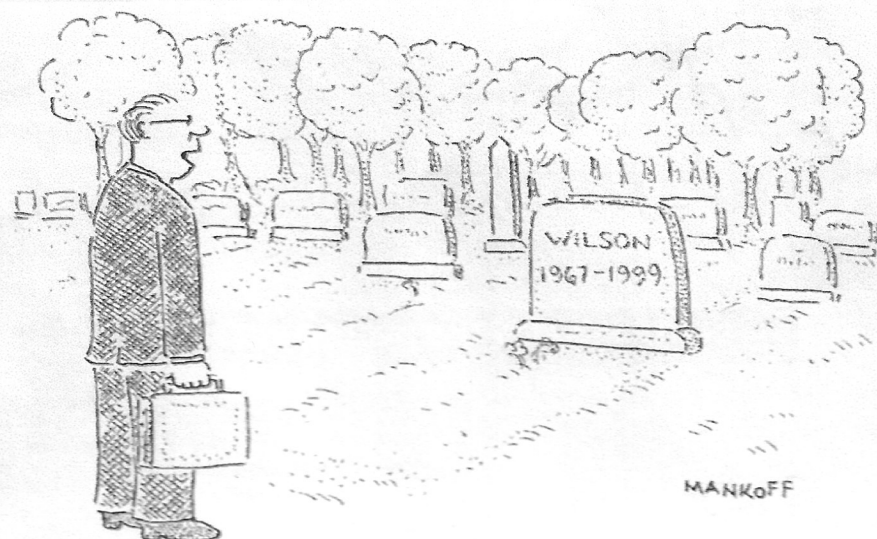


ROBERT MANKOFF

Good News*"Good news. Your execution was overturned on appeal."*

Robert Mankoff/The New Yorker Collection/www.cartoonbank.com

FOR WRITING OR DISCUSSION

MyWritingLab

1. What is the thesis of each student's paper? Where does Heist state the thesis most clearly? Shalom? What is the nature of the appeals in each essay?
2. How does each student writer treat the issue of the economics of the death penalty? In what ways do the presentations on the issue deal with opposing points of view? Where else do the writers treat opposing points of view?
3. What is the essential point in the presentation by the Death Penalty Information Center? Do you find the statistics hopeful or dismaying? Explain your response.
4. The death penalty is no laughing matter—yet cartoonist Mankoff has used grim humor to provide a powerful statement of his position. How does the caption of the cartoon define the artist's argument and his thesis, so to speak?
5. What is the setting of the cartoon, and why is it important? Who is the speaker?