Jury Nullification Gaining Influence On Criminal Trials

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The power of jury nullification has gained recognition, acceptance, and wider use in recent years, and has the potential to profoundly affect the application of criminal justice in the United States.

Jury nullification allows juries to acquit defendants who are guilty as charged, but who they believe do not deserve to be punished. The power to nullify is not widely known among modern laymen and is the subject of much debate. But little doubt exists of a jury's right and ability to employ it.

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