



*I can picture in my mind a world without war, a world without hate. And I can picture us attacking that world, because they'd never expect it.—Jack Handey*

The club was packed for each show—Bob Marley is such a popular comedian that he sells out wherever he performs. Bob has done shows in all the top comedy clubs in the country and has appeared on the Tonight Show, Letterman, Conan O'Brien and many others. He recently had a half-

*perfectly legal to get up underneath 'em, get 'em loose, and put 'em into the wall.—Jeff Foxworthy*

So what have I learned about stand-up comedy and, more importantly, do I think that it's helped me become a better trial lawyer?

First, stand-up is hard work. Professionals make it look easy because that's what they are: professionals. Comedy is also much more visual than arguing in court. Trial



hour show on Comedy Central and he's appeared in half a dozen movies.

The events with Bob were lots of fun. The audience knew they were going to be thoroughly entertained by him and were primed to laugh during my openings. It was a great experience.

I asked Bob what it was like for him when he first started. "The first time I performed stand-up," he said, "it felt like giving your first book report at school—only naked and without having read the book."

*I believe that if you let somebody cut in front of you in traffic and they don't give you the little "wave," it should be*

lawyers figure out ways to explain things—comedians learn to communicate quickly and with few words—often a simple gesture is enough. On stage you must be more willing to be outgoing—even outrageous—in order to sell yourself. It provides great freedom to say and do practically anything—as long as you get a laugh.

*My dad used to say: "Whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger." Until the accident.—Jimmy Carr*

"In performing stand-up comedy," Bob Marley told me, "you're pleading your case every night. Your job as a comedian

