

Cases of Historical Interest In the Southern District of New York

Westmoreland v. CBS Inc.

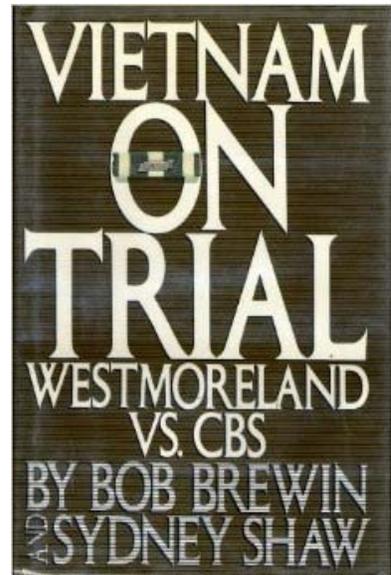
Judge Pierre N. Leval

Former U.S. Army Chief of Staff General William Westmoreland sued CBS and reporter Mike Wallace for libel for airing the documentary “The Uncounted Enemy: A Vietnam Deception.” Judge Leval ruled that, under New York Times Co. v. Sullivan and the First Amendment, Westmoreland, a public figure, must prove that CBS acted with actual malice in gathering evidence and producing the documentary. A trial commenced in Courtroom 118 of 40 Foley Sq., but the parties settled before the jury could reach a verdict.

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