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A Civil Action Movie Guide

1. How much was the settlement at the beginning of the movie?
2. According to Jan Schlichtman, what are the only ways he and his firm will get paid from a case?
3. Why did the firm decide to take the case?
4. During the discovery portion of the case, what did Mr. Love say happened to the barrels of solvent?
5. What are trichloroethylene and silicone used for and how are they applied?
6. According to Jan, what happens to most lawsuits? Why?
7. How much money does Jan ask for from the defendants at the settlement meeting?
8. According to Fatcher, what is the first thing a lawyer should say when he wakes up after falling asleep at the counsel table?
9. What does Schlichtman have to prove in order to put the families on the stand?
10. What happens to Beatrice Foods as a co-defendant after the jury comes back?

11. What does the VP of Grace offer Jan as a settlement and what is his response?
12. What eventually happens between Schlichtman and his partners?
13. What happened when the teenagers started throwing firecrackers into the water?
14. According to Schlichtman, what percentage of cases are won on appeal?
15. What Federal Agency eventually took up the case against Grace and Beatrice? What was the result?