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Pryor Cashman's Steve Rabinowitz Appears On Court TV To Comment On Duke Prosecutor's Resignation

Pryor Cashman's Steven Rabinowitz, a regular commentator on Court TV, was one of the first pundits in the nation asked to comment about Duke prosecutor Mike Nifong's tearful resignation last week. In a dramatic moment during an otherwise tepid ethics hearing, Nifong broke down at the end of his direct testimony and announced that he would resign as prosecutor, ending nearly 30 years of public service and stunning even his own attorneys.

Though most other pundits were quick to join in the media feeding frenzy, condemning Nifong as a "rogue" prosecutor, Rabinowitz, appearing on Court TV on June 15, 2007, noted that Nifong's savage fall from grace might have more to do with the power of those he wrongly prosecuted – three privileged white boys from Duke – than with his failings as a prosecutor. Rabinowitz observed that prosecutors who had committed far worse sins – even those who had sent innocent black men to the electric chair – had never been subjected to the kind of national stoning Nifong has endured.