



**BARR v. LOC**  
**An Intentional Torts Crossword Puzzle**

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**Vencil Barr, Grania Barr & Talisa Barr** (Plaintiffs and Cross Defendants)  
v.  
**Golda Loc** (Defendant and Cross Plaintiff)

**Facts**

The Loc family recently moved to the city of Woodlawn. Their daughter Golda soon met another child, Talisa Barr. Talisa suggested that Golda came over to play some day. The next morning (shortly before 9:00) the Barr family (Vencil, Grania & Talisa) went for a walk, leaving their morning coffee on the kitchen table. Since, they were expecting a friend to drop off some bottles of honey, they left the door unlocked and put a sign on the door that said “Back in one hour. Put the honey in the kitchen. Wait if you can.”

Soon after the Barrs left Golda came to the Barr house. She had brought a present, a jar of fresh honey. She saw the note, thought it was for her, noticed the door open and walked in. After a while waiting, she saw the coffee cups on the table. She was curious, picked up Vencil’s large cup It smelled very bitter. She put the cup down, in almost, but not quite the same spot where it had been. Then she picked up Grania’s slightly smaller cup and smelled it. Too much acidity she thought. She put it back but spilled some on the table. She smelled Talisa’s little cup. It had a wonderful chocolate smell. She drank it all.

After waiting another hour, she couldn’t resist trying out Vencil’s 54” inch HDTV. But the only movie he had was “The Bad News Bears.” Then she spotted



Grania's Xbox. Strangely, the only game was about "Yogi Bear." However, in taking the controls she got a powerful electric shock that sent her flying backwards. She hit her head on a bag of food cans hanging on a pole. After falling down, she saw Talisa's iPod. Although the only tune on it was "Teddy Bears' Picnic," she listened to that as she staggered around. She wanted to lie down and went upstairs. There she saw the Barr's three beds. Venci's king size was not comfortable; same for Grania's queen size. But she found Talisa's little futon just right and soon fell asleep.

Eventually, the Barrs returned. Immediately Vencil noticed that someone had moved his cup. Grania noticed that someone had spilled some coffee. And then Talisa noticed that hers was completely consumed. Vencil noticed that someone had messed with his TV. Grania was shocked to see that someone had broken her Xbox. Then Talisa realized her iPod was gone. The Barrs were nervous, fearful that they were walking into a trap. They crept upstairs. Vencil cried, "Someone has been sleeping in my bed." Grania declared the same. Suddenly Golda woke up. Talisa screamed that someone was still sleeping in her bed. Golda leapt up and jumped out a window. However, when she got home she realized she still had Talisa's iPod. Golda claims a wolf stole it from her a couple hours later. A few months after that Talisa, while in the woods found it, a little battered but working.



## Opinion

In this appeal, we must decide whether the [D6] \_\_\_\_\_ [A54] \_\_\_\_\_ should have [D40] \_\_\_\_\_ this [A59] \_\_\_\_\_ on [A36] \_\_\_\_\_ [D54] \_\_\_\_\_. Usually that is only appropriate for the easy cases (i.e., when it is a “[D61] \_\_\_\_\_ in”). The [D51] \_\_\_\_\_ in this case (the Barrs and Loc) raise many interesting [A45] \_\_\_\_\_.

The Barrs’ first [A50] \_\_\_\_\_ that in entering their house Loc was a [D20] \_\_\_\_\_. Loc claims in [D22] \_\_\_\_\_ that she had [A37] \_\_\_\_\_ based on the [A31] \_\_\_\_\_ on the [A24] \_\_\_\_\_. In this state Barr has the [A52] \_\_\_\_\_ of [A67] \_\_\_\_\_. Loc claims that she thought it was OK with the Barrs. However, what she thought is [D49] \_\_\_\_\_ as long as she [D53] \_\_\_\_\_ the [D27] \_\_\_\_\_. This is a question [D9] \_\_\_\_\_ for the [A21] \_\_\_\_\_ to decide what a [A38] \_\_\_\_\_ [A62] \_\_\_\_\_ would think. Moreover, even if she is correct she may not [A23] \_\_\_\_\_ on the land when the [D5] \_\_\_\_\_ has [A66] \_\_\_\_\_. In this case, that could be only one [D4] \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e., until [A33] \_\_\_\_\_ o’clock). Moreover, her right to be there would only extend to the [A19] \_\_\_\_\_ [A9] \_\_\_\_\_. Loc claims that she caused no [D10] \_\_\_\_\_ to this property. However, there could be [D34] \_\_\_\_\_ [D28] \_\_\_\_\_.

Next, we turn to conversion of the [D35] \_\_\_\_\_ property. With regard to the [A6] \_\_\_\_\_, there was no real [A25] \_\_\_\_\_ with Vencil’s rights. Loc did cause damage to the Xbox and Grania will be without it while it is being repaired. But that will be for just a short time. Therefore, since the loss is not [D46] \_\_\_\_\_ enough for conversion, Loc might be a [D20] \_\_\_\_\_ of [A57] \_\_\_\_\_. Regarding the iPod, however, there are two [D42] \_\_\_\_\_ of the [A47] \_\_\_\_\_ of conversion at issue. First is [D3] \_\_\_\_\_. Did Loc [D11] \_\_\_\_\_ to [D16] \_\_\_\_\_ control? Remember that it is irrelevant that she made a [A18] \_\_\_\_\_, thinking that it was hers or that she [A65] \_\_\_\_\_ she had it when she escaped. Her [A2] \_\_\_\_\_ act in taking it was [D13] \_\_\_\_\_ and [D26] \_\_\_\_\_ the eventual loss. Secondly, although she



[D7]\_\_\_\_\_ with Talisa’s rights, was there the [D39]\_\_\_\_\_ necessary? The [A56]\_\_\_\_\_ identifies factors to consider. For example, there is that old universal solvent of law: [A63]\_\_\_\_\_ [D8]\_\_\_\_\_. She didn’t want to harm anyone. However, we also consider the [A55]\_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. the amount of time Talisa was without her iPod). Here it probably was significant. It should be for the finder of [D9]\_\_\_\_\_ to decide.

We turn to Loc’s [D37]\_\_\_\_\_ claim, that the Barrs [D43]\_\_\_\_\_ caused her injuries. [D64]\_\_\_\_\_ course, Talisa’s kind offer didn’t make her an invitee. At most, she is a [A41]\_\_\_\_\_. to whom the Barrs owe no [D55]\_\_\_\_\_ of [A44]\_\_\_\_\_ of [A15]\_\_\_\_\_. Moreover, she is more likely a [D20]\_\_\_\_\_ for whom the Barrs must refrain from [A29]\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., if the Barrs had set a trap).

In their [A17]\_\_\_\_\_ and in oral argument of this [A32]\_\_\_\_\_ the Barrs expressed great anger. While a litigant does not have to be a [D30]\_\_\_\_\_, he must learn to grin and [D58]\_\_\_\_\_ it. Perhaps a [D48]\_\_\_\_\_ of [D1]\_\_\_\_\_ will help this medicine [D63]\_\_\_\_\_ down. Intemperate behavior might lead to violations of the [A12]\_\_\_\_\_ rules of professional conduct.

[A60]\_\_\_\_\_ and [A14]\_\_\_\_\_.


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