



Local lawyer addresses Peterson case

Columbia defense lawyer John Mobley has some advice for prosecutors in the Scott Peterson trial — tread lightly.

"There's an effort by prosecution to paint this picture of Scott Peterson," he said. "I don't think it's fair to prosecute him because you don't like him."

Mobley appeared Friday with Nancy Grace on "Closing Arguments," the nationally broadcast show that airs on Court TV.

It was his third appearance.

On the show, lawyers and members of the media discuss the developments in highly publicized cases.

The Peterson case gave the panel much to talk about, from the methods of Scott Peterson's defense lawyer, Mark Geragos, to the behavior of jurors.

Although Grace expressed her disdain at Geragos' move to introduce a pawn shop receipt for a watch that is the same brand as one worn by Laci Peterson, Mob-

ley commented more on the method.

"Well I think that what Mark tried to do was plant that bombshell... that blockbuster to think about," he said. "It was a smart tactic."

Specializing in criminal and personal injury cases, Mobley has a private practice in Columbia and is a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law.

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