

# My Football Game with Marty

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For the last few years, I have written several articles about my “Honorable” adventures. As Tablets readers may recall, “To me, judges are celebrities; they are the equivalent of Brad Pitt, Kate Winslet, and Bruce Campbell.” See [My Dinner with Marty](#), The Decalogue Tablets, Spring 2017. I have had the amazing opportunity to spend time and interact with trial judges, an appellate court justice, and even a bankruptcy judge! The first article I published detailed my fanboy obsession with Cook County Judge Martin “Marty” Paul Moltz. He was the perfect person to flagship my exciting endeavors with esteemed members of the bench. Judge Moltz and I had a lovely dinner at The Blind Faith Café in Evanston. You can read all about it here: <https://www.decaloguesociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Spring-2017-Tablets-0315.pdf>.

At that dinner, Judge Moltz and I discussed his immense love of sports. I joked that our next event should be attending a football game, as he is a season ticket holder of the Chicago Bears. As luck would have it, we made that dream a reality. Sort of.

When he invited me, without blinking, I emphatically responded, “YES!” He specifically invited me to the Bears game against the L.A. Rams. Before I go into detail about the evening and my subsequent conversations with Judge Moltz, I must point out that the Bears and the Rams were the best teams in the NFL, and they should have been this year’s Super Bowl contenders (Judge Moltz may have mentioned that it was impossible for these two teams to both end up in the Super Bowl).

Shortly before game day, Judge Moltz informed me that he was unfortunately unable to attend. However, he wanted me to keep the tickets and to invite my partner, Erin. I had previously told the judge how Erin had taken the news when I told her I was going to a Bears game (hint: she wanted to take my place and go with the judge). I had also informed the judge that she is much more knowledgeable about football—and sports, in general—than me, so she was the perfect replacement for him. She’d be his proxy at the game. This worked out to everyone’s benefit, especially since it was approximately 10° outside during the game, and Erin and I had to huddle together for warmth. I do not know how keen Judge Moltz would have been about the huddling.

With the exception of the weather, everything about the game was perfect. Our seats and the view were spectacular—50 yard line, a few miles up, with an impeccable view of the entire field. The attendees around us were rabid and rampant fans. I wore my Ditka t-shirt under the twelve layers of clothing as well as a Chicago Bears winter cap. We drank a beer and cheered loudly. I followed the tradition of my Bubbie, who would always shout “woof woof woof” each time the Bears scored. There were a lot of points scored, so I was shouting it quite often.

In order to make up for the last minute replacement (Erin was essentially the Chase Daniel to Judge Moltz’s Mitchell Trubisky, amirite? ...anyone?), Judge Moltz and I decided to have lunch the following day to discuss the game as well as the judge’s lengthy history of attending Bears games. We met at the Chicago Loop staple—Pizano’s Pizza and Pasta.

As it turns out, Judge Moltz has been going to Bears games since they played at Wrigley Field. And before you ask, yes, they used to play at Wrigley Field (I couldn’t believe it either!). He also mentioned how he was one of the first people to ever play in a fantasy football league. However, it was back when it was illegal to gamble on sporting events. And since he was a prosecutor at the time, and the fellow members of his league were all judges and various politically-involved individuals, there was no way they intended to make it public.

I am immensely grateful to Judge Moltz. For our next outing, I think you, the reader, should choose what activity we do. What adventure should we take on next? Perhaps [My Bowling Game with Marty](#), or [My Trip to Paris with Marty](#), or [My Visit to the Moon with Marty](#).

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