



David and Jasmine talk with Markus Funk about the investigation and trial of the powerful Chicago-based Calabrese family mob, who engineered years of extortion, gambling, bookmaking, and hundreds of murders. Their gangland execution of two mobsters in an Indiana cornfield was reenacted in Martin Scorsese's *Casino*, giving viewers a glimpse of the chilling nature of organized crime activities. Marcus describes the trial of the nation's most extensive mob murder case, how they flipped mob leader Frank Calabrese's son, and how Markus' closing argument prompted Frank Sr. to refer to him as "a dead man." He shares fascinating details of his life as an assistant United States attorney (AUSA), how to be persuasive at trial, and how his experience has taught him the importance of being authentic, no matter your role.

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