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[Judgment Day: Intelligent Design on Trial](#) [4], the NOVA documentary about [Kitzmiller v. Dover](#) [5], was among the winners of the 2008 Science Journalism Awards presented by the American Association for the Advancement of Science to honor excellence in science reporting. According to a November 12, 2008, [press release](#) [6]:

The judges praised the two-hour NOVA broadcast for its careful, balanced presentation on the landmark Dover, Pennsylvania, court case that weighed the merits of discussing "intelligent design" in the science classroom. Through interviews with participants in the 2005 case, use of trial transcripts and reenactments of key courtroom moments, the broadcast captured the community turmoil surrounding the case, described the modern science of evolution, and explained why U.S District Court Judge John E. Jones III ruled that intelligent design is a religious idea that should not be taught in public school science classrooms. Frank Roylance, a science writer for *The Baltimore Sun* who was on the judging panel, said the NOVA broadcast was "a very careful, methodical and sensitive presentation of a vital scientific question, with enormous social and political import." He added: "The filmmakers managed to be both clear and accurate with the science, and fair and sensitive to the beliefs of the ID proponents." Tina Hesman Saey of *Science News* said the program "brought to life the

scientific process and really shows how we know what we know about the evolution of life on Earth."

NCSE congratulates the producers of the documentary — NOVA/WGBH Educational Foundation, Vulcan Productions Inc., and The Big Table Film Company — on the honor, which includes a \$3000 award and a plaque. *Judgment Day* was also the recipient of a [Peabody Award](#) [7] and a finalist for the [Communication Award](#) [8] presented by the National Academies.

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