

Illinois v. Allen

The Illinois state trial judge removed the defendant from the courtroom after repeated disruption. The Court held that the accused lost his constitutional right to be present throughout his trial, and that it was not unconstitutional to remove him from the courtroom and to proceed with his trial in his absence, since (1) his disorderly, disruptive, and disrespectful behavior was of such an extreme and aggravated nature as to justify either his removal from the courtroom or his total physical restraint, (2) prior to his removal he had been repeatedly warned by the trial judge that he would be removed from the courtroom if he persisted in his unruly conduct, (3) he would not have been at all dissuaded by the trial judge's use of his criminal contempt powers, and (4) he was constantly informed that he could return to the trial if he would agree to conduct himself in an orderly manner.