



Witness for the Prosecution

(1957)

Synopsis

Esteemed criminal lawyer Sir Wilfrid Robarts has just returned to practice after suffering a heart attack and is supposed to be on a diet of bland civil suits. But the case of Leonard Vole, a charmer accused of murdering a rich middle-aged widow, proves irresistible --- particularly when Sir Wilfrid meets the accused's wife, the remarkable Christine Vole. Christine will appear as a witness: not the defense, but for the prosecution. Leonard Maltin says, "Fantastically effective ... Dietrich is peerless... Laughton at his best..."

Cast

<u>Actor</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>Actor</u>	<u>Character</u>
Ralph Richardson	Sir Wilfred Robarts	Richard Vernon	Brogan-Moore
Deborah Kerr.....	Nurse Plimsoll	Peter Sallis	Carter
Beau Bridges	Leonard Vole	Michael Gough.....	Judge
Donald Pleasence.....	Mr. Myers	Frank Mills	Chief Inspector Hearne
Wendy Hiller	Janet Mackenzie	Michael Nightingale.....	Clerk of the Court
Diana Rigg	Christine Vole	Peter Copley	Dr. Harrison
David Langton	Mayhew	Patricia Leslie	Mrs. French

Trivia & Quotes

This movie is based on an Agatha Christie short story, and first premiered in 1949 as a British television movie, was made into a stage version in 1953, and was remade in 1982 by CBS as a television movie.

Charles Laughton and Elsa Lanchester were real-life husband and wife.

Miss Plimsoll: "Teeny weeny flight of steps, Sir Wilfrid, we mustn't forget we've had a teeny weeny heart attack."