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To the Editor:

Despite all the publicity over every conceivable aspect of the O. J. Simpson case, I've heard nothing about the legal rights of the children of Nicole Brown Simpson.

Justin and Sydney Simpson are clearly entitled to a large civil damage award against their mother's murderer. Yet if the murderer turns out to be their father, he may have no assets left after paying his legal defense team.

Everyone is entitled to defend himself against murder charges. Yet excessive and unnecessary expenditures for lawyers and investigators can exhaust the victim's rightful claim upon the murderer's assets.

I believe that the prosecutors

would be justified in asking Judge Lance Ito to exercise general supervision over the money spent by the legal defense team in order to safeguard the potential rights of the Simpson children.

In addition, the state might attempt to place conditional liens on O. J. Simpson's properties on the children's behalf.

Finally, lawyers for the defense should be publicly questioned whether the publicity they are reaping should not count as substantial compensation to them in light of the danger that Justin and Sydney Simpson could be left with nothing.

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