



PLAYING GOD

by Karin Jurschick



SYNOPSIS

Shortly after 9/11, the US Congress passed a law to protect US airlines from decades of civil law suits and created a fund for compensating victims of disasters who agreed not to sue. Lawyer and mediator Ken Feinberg had to decide how much money was to be received as compensation. He met family members personally doing thousands of interviews. He thought that the value of a life was an easy calculation: how high is the economic loss? How old was the person, but Feinberg discovered that facing those left behind was far less easy. This is Feinberg's story of highly emotional dilemmas as told by himself, as he took the role of 'Playing God.'

MORE ON FILM

A film about a charismatic lawyer acting as an interface between capital and justice, about US politics and about people who have suddenly lost their loved ones, their health or their livelihood.

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FESTIVALS

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17th WATCH DOCS Human Rights in Film IFF, Warsaw

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CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Karin Jurschick · PRODUCER Birgit Schulz (Bildersturm), Annemiek van der Hell (Windmill Film, CoProduction) · SCORE Han Otten · SOUND Pascal Capitolin · EDITOR Anika Simon · DOP Timm Lange · ASSOCIATE

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90 min

ORIGINAL TITLE
SPIELEN SIE GOTT, MR.
FEINBERG?

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