

## M2840 MATLOCK (USA, 3/3/1986-5/7/1995) [TV SERIES]

**Series summary:** Legal/mystery series set in the contemporary U.S. Ben Matlock (Griffith) is a Georgia bred, Harvard educated defense attorney. He defends clients in his home town of Atlanta and all over the country. He is cantankerous and gruff and often uses colorful language, but beneath it all he has a heart of gold. He is assisted in his work by his daughters Charlene and Leanne (who are also attorneys) and his investigators Tyler Hudson, Conrad McMasters and Cliff Lewis.

**The fisherman** (3/29/1988)

**Credits:** director, Harvey Laidman; writer, Marvin Kupfer

**Cast:** Andy Griffith, Dana Lee, Jason Scott Lee, Robert Donner, Arthur Rosenberg, Bill Dearth.

**Summary:** Matlock defends Vietnamese immigrant fisherman Nguyen Tran (Dana Lee) who is charged with the murder of another fisherman in a small California fishing port. The murdered fisherman was a bigoted Vietnam vet who was leading a campaign of terrorism and arson intended to drive the Vietnamese out of town. Further plot twists include: a sheriff's deputy (Dearth), also a Vietnam vet and a buddy of the murder victim, who was having an affair with his buddy's wife and planted evidence to incriminate Tran; and a district attorney (Rosenberg) who is also a Vietnam vet and the real father of Tran's Amerasian step-son Le (Jason Scott Lee)

Scott, Tony (Tone) "Matlock" *Variety* 324 (Oct 15, 1984), p. 160.