

Fight Ensues Over Body of Famed Houston Lawyer John O'Quinn

A cousin and the self-styled common-law wife of the late John O'Quinn, the man deemed "King of Torts" by Forbes after his death in a Houston car accident in 2009, are engaged in a fight over the place of interment of the litigator's body. That fight has seen the alleged "wrongful disinterment" of his body from a gravesite on the lawyer's 5,000-acre Texas ranch to a Louisiana cemetery, reports *The Houston Chronicle*.

O'Quinn's won more than \$21 billion in verdicts and settlements for his clients, estimates his charitable foundation.

O'Quinn, who died at 68, and Darla Lexington were together for more than a decade and shared his River Oaks home but never married. Lexington accuses Service Corporation International affiliate Geo. H. Lewis & Sons of failing to get her permission to move O'Quinn's casket or inform her that he'd been buried in Louisiana.

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