

# Record Verdict Winner, Texas 'King of Torts' Dead at 90

Joe Jamail, the Texas billionaire who became the richest practicing attorney in the U.S. after winning jury verdicts in civil lawsuits that included a \$10.5 billion award for Pennzoil Co. in its landmark case against Texaco Inc. during the 1980s, has died, reports **Claims Journal**. He was 90.

He died in Houston from complications with pneumonia, the *Austin American-Statesman* newspaper **reported**, citing university officials it didn't name.

"His representation of Pennzoil in a case against Texaco over the purchase of Getty Oil Co. led to a record jury verdict of \$10.5 billion and helped make him one of the U.S.'s most sought-after lawyers during his five decades in practice," according to the Claims Journal

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