

The 20 Richest Lawyers in the World



Money Inc. has compiled a list of the **20 richest lawyers** in the world, and they're a diverse group: one went to prison, one was disbarred, another is deceased, one manages a law firm in Kenya, and a couple of them are TV judges. People on the list "are all practicing attorneys or judges. There are plenty of other 'lawyers' with a considerably higher net worth, but they simply have a law degree and no longer use it," writes **Nat Berman**.

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Richard Scruggs won big money in cases involving tobacco, asbestos, Ritalin and Lehman Brothers before running afoul of the law. In 2008, he pleaded guilty to judicial bribery and eventually served six years in federal prison. His net worth is \$1.7 billion, according to Money Inc.

"Although he passed away at the age of 90 in December 2015, Joe Jamail makes this list because he was the wealthiest practicing lawyer in the United States at the time of his death. Often referred to as the 'King of Torts,' he represented Pennzoil in a 1985 lawsuit against rival Texaco," Berman writes.

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