

# The Lawyer, the Addict



In a *New York Times* article, the ex-wife of a high-powered Silicon Valley lawyer looks back at the decline and eventual death of her ex-husband – a death caused by a drug addiction that no one else had seen slowly changing his life.

For two years, Eilene Zimmerman created a map of Peter's descent.

"Human beings are physically and emotionally complex, so there is no simple answer as to why Peter began abusing drugs," she writes. "But as a picture of his struggle took shape before my eyes, so did another one: The further I probed, the more apparent it became that drug abuse among America's lawyers is on the rise and deeply hidden."

**Read the *NYT* article.**