

*Thanks for your good book.
It has class and truth.
— Gerry Spence*



**Thoughts
About
LAWYERS**

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Fear of serious injury alone cannot justify oppression of free speech and assembly. Men feared witches and burnt women. It is the function of speech to free men from the bondage of irrational fears. Louis D. Brandeis (1856-1941) Associate Justice, The Supreme Court of the United States



*No, no, no!
It's not what you think.
We are witnessing a barber in action.*

The lawyer has learned
how to flatter his master
in word
and indulge him in deed;
but his soul is small and unrighteous
... from the first he has practiced
deception and retaliation,
and has become
stunted and warped.
And so he has passed
out of youth into manhood,
having no soundness in him.
Plato (427-347 B.C.)
Greek philosopher



**Lawyer refusing to take on
an impecunious client.
(Even then they chose
their clients carefully.)**

God works wonders now and then:
Behold! A lawyer, an honest man.
Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)
American statesman, scientist,
inventor, and author



I don't think you can make a lawyer
honest by an act of legislation.
You've got to work
on his conscience.
And his lack of conscience
is what makes him a lawyer.
Will Rogers (1879-1935)
American actor and humorist



***"Listen up now.
It isn't that difficult."
(It's like a modern-day classroom setting of an
American law school.)***

**It is the trade of lawyers
to question everything,
yield nothing,
and to talk by the hour.
Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)
3rd United States president**



**Reform of the justice system is
too important to be left
to lawyers and judges.
William Hubbs Rehnquist (1924-2005)
The Chief Justice
of the United States**



*“Now, now, young lady, don’t cry.
I’m a lawyer and
I will represent you.”*

If you cannot be an honest attorney,
then be honest even though
you are not an attorney.
Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)
16th United States president



Woe unto you, lawyers!
For ye have taken away
the key of knowledge:
ye entered not in yourselves,
and them that were entering in
ye hindered.
Bible Luke 11:52



Two classes of people have poor public
relations:
mothers-in-law
and attorneys-at-law.
Erle Stanley Gardner (1889-1970)
American writer of detective fiction



***This is a clear misunderstanding
of how the divorce courts work.***

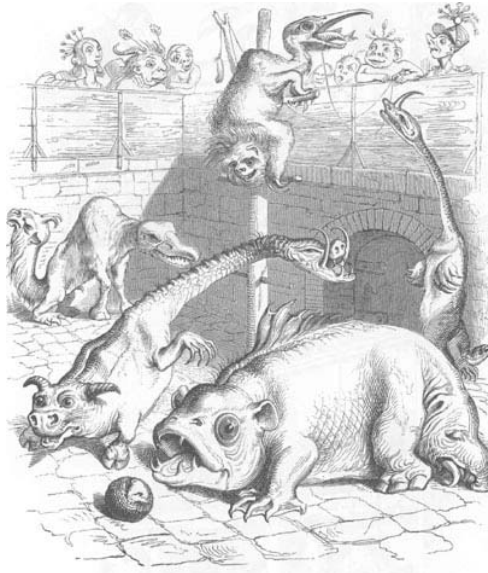
**Ignorance of the law doesn't seem to
prevent some lawyers from practicing it.**



**An apple a day may keep the doctor away,
but a banana peel will always attract
a couple of lawyers.**



**Practice makes perfect. Except for
lawyers. It just makes them rich.**



**The pit of "doublivores"
 (animals that eat at both ends)
 supposedly located at the zoo.
 But sightings have been reported elsewhere
 (criminal defense attorneys who were
 former prosecutors in court).**

**Lawyers go into law not to do good
 but to do well.**



**A lawyer is a person who helps
 you get what's coming to him.**



**Judge: "Do you have anything to offer the
 court before I pass sentence?"**

**Defendant: "Nope. My lawyer took
 my last penny."**



*The dedicated lawyer reading up on
The Rules of Court.*

Impressed with the sale of the Elvis stamp, the first in a line of rock-`n'-roll offerings, the U.S. Postal Service has been considering the issuance of a commemorative stamp for famous lawyers. Initial tests have been mixed. Stamps kept falling off the letters. A survey found customers were spitting on the wrong side of the stamp. When the Postal Service tested a stamp featuring Marilyn Monroe, the results were the same. Stamps kept falling off the letters. A survey found customers were licking the wrong side of the stamp.



Filing legal briefs with the Clerk of Court: It's an invention that rivals the skills of a lawyer.

The above method is also closely associated with what is commonly known as "churning the case."

How can you tell if a lawyer borrowed your computer?
There's whiteout on the screen.

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It only takes a few suits
to keep a lawyer well dressed.

■□

What is very upsetting to a lawyer?
Having a great case, but no insurance
on the other side.

■□

Lawyers are like beavers. They get in the
mainstream and dam it up.



"Yes, sir. My law practice is flourishing."

A prestigious law firm was interviewing a young man who had just passed the bar exam.

"What would you do," a partner inquired, "if a prospective client asked for counsel on a subject you knew nothing about?"

"I would tell the client," the applicant replied without hesitation, "to give me a \$1,500 retainer and call me in the morning."

"You are hired!"



"My whole family follows the medical profession very closely," said the young man. "They're lawyers."



Can you tell which one is the lawyer?

Question: What's black and brown and looks good on a lawyer.

Answer: A Rottweiler.

(Bad joke. Man's best friend deserves better.)



What would you do if you found yourself in a room with a lawyer, the Boston Strangler, and Charles Manson and you had a gun with only two bullets?

Shoot the lawyer twice.



Upon reaching the pearly gates, the lawyer screamed at Saint Peter, "How can you do this to me? A heart attack at my age! I'm only thirty."

Saint Peter replied, "Well, when we looked at your total billing hours, we figured you had to be at least ninety-five."



Are we seeing here a divorce lawyer in action?

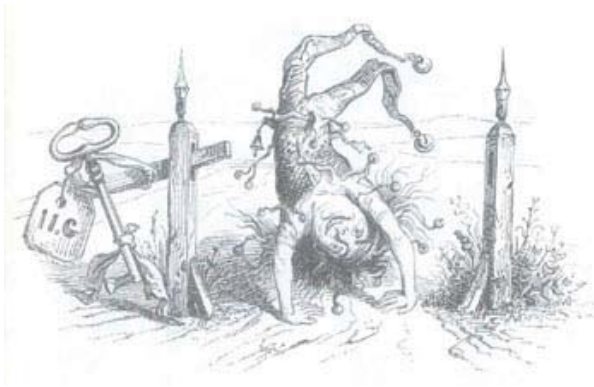
**What moves a lawyer to tears?
Seeing someone squander his money and
being unable to help.**



**Equitable distribution in a divorce
settlement means that the divorcing couple
gets half and the lawyers get half.**



**An elderly woman hired a lawyer
to draft her will.
When it was completed, she handed the
lawyer a \$100 bill without noticing that
a second \$100 bill was stuck to it.
Immediately the ethical question arose
in the lawyer's mind,
"Should I tell my partner?"**



***It's amazing what one will do
to get the retainer agreement signed.***

**A lawyer is someone who prevents
somebody else from getting your money.**



**The prosecutor leaned forward and,
steely-eyed, asked the witness,
"Are you positively sure that the
woman you saw entering the building
was the plaintiff?"**

The witness answered,

"Well, I think..."

"Stop,"

screamed the prosecutor.

**"In this court, we do not care what
anyone thinks. I only want you to tell
the court what you know."**

The witness blinked,

**"Excuse me. How can I tell the
court what I know unless I think?
Don't forget, I'm not a lawyer."**



That's not your lawyer, is he?

**Specialist: A lawyer with a smaller
practice but a larger yacht.**



**Lawyer to client: You have a good case.
How much justice can you afford?**



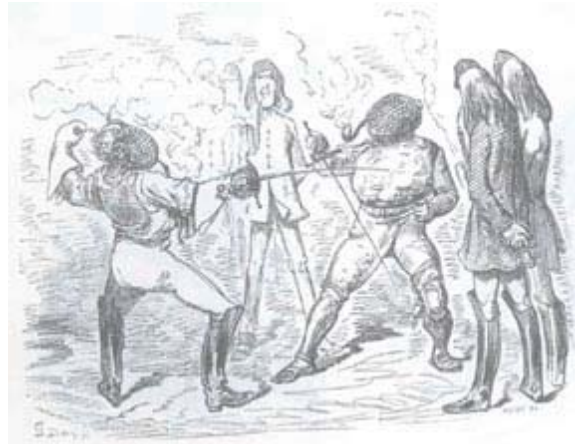
**What is legalese for screw you?
Trust me.**



**Lawyers are as American as apple pie.
They just want to get their slice.**



**What do banks and lawyers
have in common?
They lose interest
when your money is gone.**



If you think you are observing the opposing attorneys, you are mistaken.

Why should they take such risks?

A divorce lawyer is the referee in a fight and winds up with the purse.

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**Why do lawyers take business trips through different time zones?
It's the only time they get to "legally" bill more than 24 hours a day.**

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A man was hurt in a car accident and sued for damages. The case dragged on for months. While hobbling along one day on crutches, the man met a friend who asked, "Do you still need the crutches?" The man answered, "My doctor says no, but my lawyer says yes."