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# Lawyer Abuse Not Lawsuit Abuse

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**‘The System’ and ‘Lawsuits’ are names given to structures created by people. They are not living bodies nor do they think or act on their own. They in fact do not even exist until a live person initiates actions that creates an environment for these labels to apply. GLOOG recognizes that it is not the ‘System’ or the ‘Lawsuits’ that are destroying us, it is the enablers of them; The Lawyers. Just as lawyers hide their unethical and reprehensible actions behind the cloak of “The System”, they also camouflage their greedy attempts to profit at anyone's expense, behind what is labeled as ‘lawsuits’ and what has become known as ‘frivolous lawsuits’. ‘The System’ is not broken, the people are. We are not being abused by ‘lawsuits’ we are being abused by the lawyers who bring them. Therefore, this is properly identified as ‘Lawyer Abuse’.**

**Lawyer abuse is having a devastating impact on our society.**

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## **Key Facts:**

- **73% of voters say lawyers benefit the most from lawsuits; only 4% say victims do.**  
[Election night poll of 800 voters conducted on November 4, 2008 by Public Opinion Strategies](#)
- **83% of voters say the number of frivolous lawsuits is a serious problem.**  
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- **Three-quarters of all small business owners in America are concerned they might be the target of a frivolous or unfair lawsuit. Of those who are most concerned, six in ten say the fear of lawsuits makes them feel more constrained in making business decisions generally, and 54 percent say lawsuits or the threat of lawsuits forced them to make decisions they otherwise would not have made.**

[Small Businesses: How the Threat of Lawsuits Impacts Their Operations](#)

- **Small businesses pay \$98 billion in tort liability costs per year.**  
[Tort Liability Costs for Small Business](#)
- **Small businesses are responsible for 64 percent of all new jobs created in the U.S economy (SBA Office of Advocacy Frequently Asked Questions). More jobs, higher wages, and better benefits could be provided if the average small business earning \$1 million in revenue didn't have to spend \$20,000 each year on an out of control lawsuit system.**  
[Tort Liability Costs for Small Business](#)
- **The growth in U.S. tort costs are projected to increase by three percent in 2009.**  
[2009 Update on U.S. Tort Cost Trends](#)
- **America's civil justice system is the world's most expensive, with a direct cost in 2008 of \$254.7 billion, or 1.79 percent of the U.S. GDP.**  
[2009 Update on U.S. Tort Cost Trends](#)
- **Tort costs were \$838 per U.S. citizen in 2008, meaning a family of four paid a "litigation tax" of \$3,352 for the U.S. civil justice system, a cost driven up due to increased costs from lawsuits and other liability expenses that force businesses to raise the price of products and services.**  
[2009 Update on U.S. Tort Cost Trends](#)
- **The cost of the U.S. tort liability system as a percentage of GDP is more than double the average cost of any other industrialized nation.**  
[Who Pays for Tort Liability Claims? An Economic Analysis of the U.S. Tort Liability System](#)

Blame Stella Liebeck. (*Well not really, 10 to 1 says she didn't even think of it until a lawyer told her that 'she deserved justice' for the spill...*) It was her ridiculous lawsuit against McDonald's that started the avalanche. Back in 1992, 79-year-old Stella spilled a cup of McDonald's coffee on her lap and burned herself. Everyone laughed when she declared she was suing McDonald's, until a jury awarded her \$2.9 million dollars!

**Here are some more lawyer abuse/extortion attempts:**

Arkansas teen accuses mom of Facebook harassment -- Defective Sperm Can't Be Basis for Products Liability Suit

Judge: Transgender inmates have right to therapy -- Wife Wins \$9 Million From Husband's Alleged Mistress

Grapes on floor blamed for falls in two lawsuits -- Lawyer wants airport to pay for coat he left at food court

Neighbor sues woman for smoking in her own home -- Double-murderer sues to claim his victims' classic Chevy

Woman trips over 'wet floor' sign, sues movie theater -- Woman sues DirecTV after tripping over cable wire in her home

Tourist sues hotel, claiming swimming pool got daughter pregnant

Woman sues restaurant for \$5 million for sending her 3 text messages

Convicted killer sues to receive electrolysis as part of state-funded sex change

**Justice Finally!**

**- BEST LAWYER/ INSURANCE STORY OF THE YEAR, DECADE, AND POSSIBLY THE CENTURY -**

**This took place in Charlotte North Carolina. A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against, among other things, fire. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost 'in a series of small fires.' The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason, that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The lawyer sued and WON! (Stay with me).**

**Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company, in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable 'fire' and was obligated to pay the claim. Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the cigars that perished in the 'fires'. NOW FOR THE BEST PART... After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.**

### **The 2007 True Stella Awards Issued February 2008**

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**#3:** Sentry Insurance Company. The company provided worker's compensation insurance for a Wisconsin "Meals on Wheels" program. Delivering a meal, a MoW volunteer (who was allegedly not even wearing boots) slipped and fell on a participant's driveway that had been cleared of snow, and Sentry had to pay to care for her resulting injuries. Sentry wanted its money back, so it sued the 81-year-old homeowner getting the Meals on Wheels service. It could have simply filed for "subrogation" from her homeowner's insurance company, but by naming her in the action, it dragged an old lady into court, reinforcing the image of insurance companies as concerned only about the bottom line, not "protecting" policyholders from loss.

**#2:** The family of Robert Hornbeck. Hornbeck volunteered for the Army and served a stint in Iraq. After getting home, he got drunk, wandered into a hotel's service area (passing "DANGER" warning signs), crawled into an air conditioning unit, and was severely cut when the machinery activated. Unable to care for himself due to his drunkenness, he bled to death. A tragedy, to be sure, but one solely caused by a supposedly responsible adult with military training. Despite his irresponsible behavior -- and his perhaps criminal trespassing -- Hornbeck's family sued the hotel for \$10 million, as if it's reasonably foreseeable that some drunk fool would ignore warning signs and climb into its heavy duty machinery to sleep off his bender.

*But those pale compared to...*

**The winner** of the 2007 True Stella Award: Roy L. Pearson Jr. The 57-year-old Administrative Law Judge from Washington DC claims that a dry cleaner lost a pair of his pants, so he sued the mom-and-pop business for \$65,462,500. That's right: more than \$65 million for one pair of pants. Representing himself,

Judge Pearson cried in court over the loss of his pants, whining that there certainly isn't a more compelling case in the District archives. But the Superior Court judge wasn't moved: he called the case "vexatious litigation", scolded Judge Pearson for his "bad faith", and awarded damages to the dry cleaners. But Pearson didn't take no for an answer: he's appealing the decision. And he has plenty of time on his hands, since he was dismissed from his job. Last we heard, Pearson's appeal is still pending.

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