

Why personal injury lawyers get a bad rap

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In just about every trial that I've been involved in, I've heard jurors reference the MacDonald's case as a way of saying there's too many lawsuits. You know the story. A woman goes to MacDonald's, buys coffee, and then spills it on herself. She files a lawsuit and *bam!* She makes a bunch of money. The problem is: that's not how it really happened. The truth is the woman sustained serious injuries, including severe burns to her thighs and legs. But few people know about that story ([for the real story, check out this article](#)). All people hear is what the media tells them. They hear the relentless drum beat: too many lawsuits: too many lawyers.

Just as bad, many jurors seem to believe that [injury lawyers](#) are a bunch of greedy scoundrels who are only in it for the money. And while money is a motivator for a number of attorneys, it's not the only factor for most attorneys—at least the ones that I know. In fact, I believe, as a great attorney once said, that most lawyers are *greedy for justice*. Yes, some are only it for the money, but they usually don't last. Most lawyers want to make sure their clients are fairly and fully compensated. This is why lawyers go to trial and risk their hard-earned money. They do it for justice. They do it because it's the right thing to do. But you don't hear that very much. It's not until you or someone you know gets injured and goes through the legal process that you understand how hard lawyers work for you and fight for you on your behalf. Please remember this the next time someone tells you that lawyers are only in it for the money, because some of us aren't.

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