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The top trial lawyers

Ranked in order of estimated 1994 incomes, here's the Forbes list of the 25 top-earning trial lawyers. You'll find some interesting trends: Several of them are now representing corporate clients they used to love to sue.



Richard Mithoff

Richard Mithoff, 49: \$13 million, Mithoff & Jacks, Houston

Former Nader's Raider, pioneered breast implant litigation in 1977. Now has 300 cases pending. Recovered an estimated \$40 million in 1993 and more than \$44 million in 1994, mostly in medical malpractice and products liability settlements. Owns three race cars. Ski house in Park City, Utah, beach house in Galveston. "I'm not Mother Teresa," he says. "I'm in this to make money." University of Texas 1971.