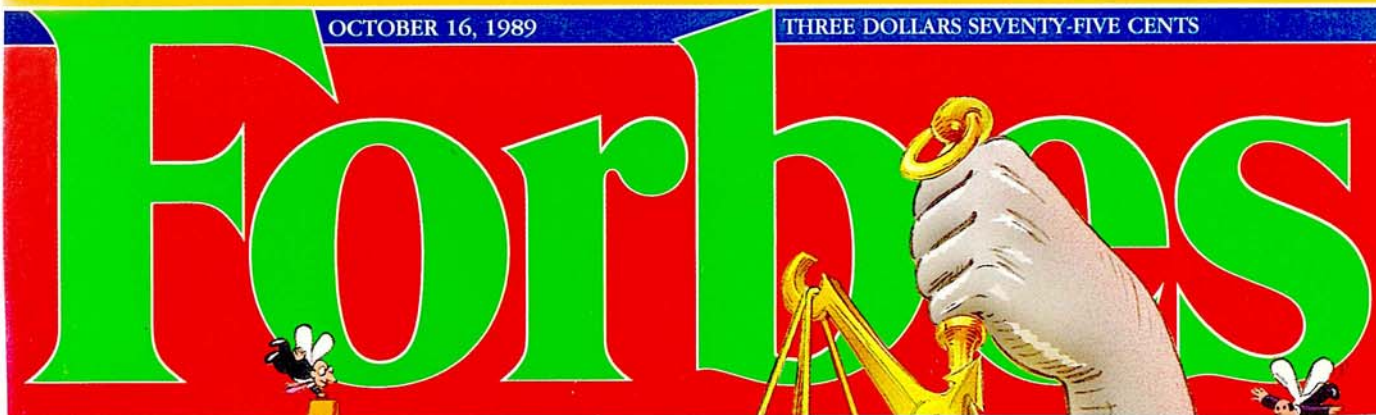


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**10. RICHARD WARREN MITHOFF**

Mithoff & Jacks, Houston, Tex.

1988 income: \$7.4 million 1987 income: \$5.4 million

Mithoff is 43, graduated from the University of Texas law school and specializes in product liability and medical malpractice. After working for Ralph Nader as a law student, he spent nine years as a lawyer with Joe Jamail. In 1986 he won a \$50 million settlement from North Texas Hospital for an infant brain damage case. Soon after, Mithoff set up a \$100,000

endowment for the University of Texas medical school to improve training in delivery room techniques. Last year gross recoveries from verdicts and settlements were \$21 million, and the year before, \$16 million. Out of this Mithoff takes 40%. Represented his friend Jamail pro bono in a 1986 contract/fee dispute Jamail had with a referring lawyer.