



Feature

Lawyers Give Meaning to Life

This article talks about the "good" side of the lawyer's life. There is so much pressure in this profession and in the end lawyers often receive the judgment to let them know whether they win or lose. No half way mark. Many of the cases handled by lawyers are by nature not always pointing to the positive side of life. Where's the meaning to life to be found?

The thought that lawyers give meaning to life is almost contradictory to some ideas of lawyers. Why did lawyers end up getting despised as much as politicians? They help people and most people like their lawyers. Well, people like their lawyers and hate the opposing side. It is a 50% truism that most people don't like lawyers.

Take one industry that really wishes lawyers would go away. That would be the insurance industry who is constantly handing over money after lawsuits to lawyers and their clients. The insurance industry would do much better without lawyers if they did not have to deal with the many medical claims for liability. Insurance companies could take the naïve and less sophisticated patient and offer much less if they did not have lawyers to back up their legitimate claims in court.

How does this all mesh into the way lawyers give meaning to life? The answer is not so much in the case as it is found inside the values of the lawyer himself. What drives the lawyer to fight day by day against insurance companies who deny satisfaction to the injured and corporations who dump waste into rivers and oceans? This drive is innate and if we look closely at some of our legal avengers we can see how the meaning to life is given through their work in the court room.

There is a lawyer in California whose passion is for animals. She grew up taking care of abandoned dogs and cats finding them loving homes. She studied animal law and is spending the rest of her life defending the animals that have no one

to speak for them. She heads up organizations that protect animals and she won the largest settlement ever paid for animal abuse of a dog beaten to death by an employee of the city. The same lawyer began a start up Movie Company to film an expose of animal abuse and those people who risk their freedom and their lives to rescue the animals. This lady is one of those lawyers who give meaning to life and whose work benefits other living beings.

Another lawyer whose work gives meaning to life hails from Texas. As a child he was the target of unfair attacks from the other boys in the neighborhood. He was too small to fight and win so he came home sporting the bruises to show his plight. The young boy was the son of a grocer. His family was immigrants and Catholics. The other boys teased him because he attended the Catholic School rather than the local neighborhood school. This experience planted a determination in the little boy who grew up to become a national and world wide known litigator who fought for fairness. His innate drive to champion the underdog brought him recognition and wealth. He became one of the richest millionaires in the United States.

These lawyers driven by an innate sense to give meaning to life make a difference in their lives and others. When a person finds meaning to life the positive results always flow out to many lives around them and hopefully encourage others to find meaning.

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