



## The Best of the Worst Lawyers on Film

Many great movies portray attorneys as heroes who use their strong code of ethics and vast knowledge of the law to defend those most in need. But from genre to genre, lawyers with questionable morals have played a part in some of the most memorable tales of greed and gore. With Halloween around the corner, we did our best to find films that depict the worst of the worst, the defenders of the most dubious clients, the most corrupt, criminal counsellors of the courtroom who give the rest a bad name.

**Harvey Dent**, in *The Dark Knight*: Once an adept district attorney, Dent's do-good attitude sours after The Joker turns him into the villain Two-Face. He trades his good sense in for a coin flip to decide his actions, leading to big problems for Batman and Gotham City. Lesson learned: never trust The Joker.

**Billy Flynn**, in *Chicago*: Smooth-talking in the court room and the bar room, Flynn doesn't shy away from twisting the truth to defend Roxie Hart at her murder trial. With so much charm and so many nice suits, is it any wonder all the women at Cook County Jail want him as their defense attorney?

**John Milton**, in *The Devil's Advocate*: When it comes to ignoring ethics to win a case, no one is better than the incarnation of evil, Satan himself, John Milton, Esq. We have to wonder if Milton has ever lost a case, and if so, what happened to the poor judge afterwards.

**Tom Hagen**, in *The Godfather*: Any shady lawyer knows that a little bit of intimidation can go a long way, but there is a line that most won't cross. For Hagen, that line is somewhere past decapitating a horse and placing it in the bed of an adversary to encourage silence.

**Fletcher Reede**, in *Liar, Liar*: When your kid uses his birthday wish to stop your incessant lying for just one day, you know you've got a problem. Reede ultimately breaks his habit of bending the truth and still wins his case, though it's so much fun to watch him squirm his way through his transformation.

**Travis Lehman**, in *Double Jeopardy*: Six years after Libby Parsons is falsely accused of murdering her husband (after he faked his death), parole officer Lehman helps her track the hubby down to actually murder him. As a former professor of law, Lehman should know that double jeopardy does not protect someone who commits an entirely new crime, but try telling the screenwriters that.

**I.M. Slime**, in *Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer*: It doesn't get much worse in an animated Christmas movie than to team up to help frame Santa Claus for the hit and run of dear old Grandma. But with a name like I.M. Slime, we have to expect the worst!

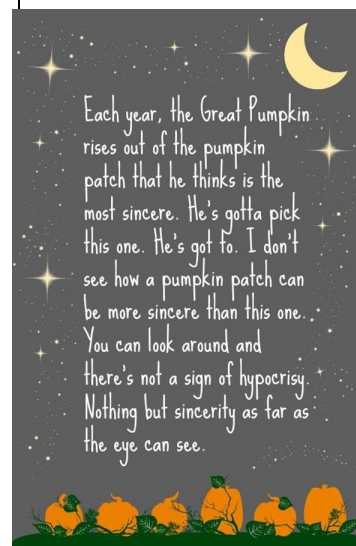
## A Note From the Editor

As autumn approaches and the candy gets eaten, I start to reflect on how this year has progressed and how will I end this one. This has been my most successful year yet here at NorthStar Legal, Inc., both financially and mentally. Becoming a member of new groups and organizations has really opened up my mind and given me the chance to give back to the community. With so many natural disasters, I have found myself asking over and over, "How can I help?" Being a part of a community that puts "Service above Self" has opened my heart and helped me feel complete by seeing the effect we make on our community and our planet. I can't stress the importance of helping others. In every way you can, help each other. You might find the answer to what you are looking for.

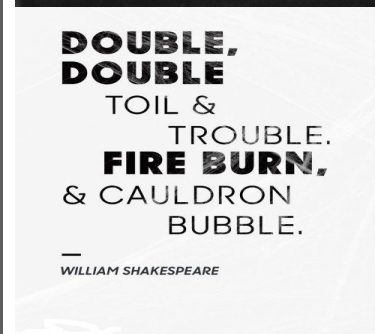
-Jennifer Magnusson

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Each year, the Great Pumpkin rises out of the pumpkin patch that he thinks is the most sincere. He's gotta pick this one. He's got to. I don't see how a pumpkin patch can be more sincere than this one. You can look around and there's not a sign of hypocrisy. Nothing but sincerity as far as the eye can see.



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