



Spotlight On Justice



LOOK WHO'S MAKING MONEY?



According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median income of all lawyers is \$102,470, i.e., half of all lawyers make less than that. By comparison, the median income for surgeons is more than \$228,000 and over \$203,000 for OB/GYNs.

But if any lawyers are making excessive income on average, it's corporate lawyers, not trial lawyers. In 2007, the 100 top-paid general counsel at Fortune 500 companies received an average salary of \$567,195 and an average bonus/nonequity incentive compensation of \$1.1 million.

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