

*Tribute To Trial Lawyers*

**Trial lawyers make a difference.**

**They are unique and unequalled in many ways.**

**They mix the tenacity of a pit bull  
with the soft touch of a velvet glove.**

**For justice, they are willing to buck the odds,  
swim upstream, fight City Hall.**

**Adversity impassions them.**

**They understand that  
the unprivileged need their protection,  
and that the privileged protect themselves.**

**They are buffeted between power and passion,  
prejudice and pain, fear and freedom.**

**When a Trial Lawyer rises to speak for the cause  
of the victim, something mystical occurs:  
a regalness, genteelness,  
and gentleness in countenance;  
compassion, passion, and fire in spirit;  
eloquence, energy and logic in word;  
anger, warmth, and love in emotion.  
An intoxicant permeates the air.**

**Every Trial Lawyer understands --  
when it's right, it's right!  
Like a Pentecostal flame hot in your heart.  
This is the transformation that gives us the  
privilege to be called "Trial Lawyers."**

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