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>> BEST LAWYER / INSURANCE STORY OF THE YEAR, DECADE, AND POSSIBLY THE
>> CENTURY
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>> This actually took place in Charlotte , North Carolina.
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>> A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars,
>> then insured them against, among other things, fire.
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>> Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great
>> cigars,
>> the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company.
>> In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a series of
>> small fires."
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>> The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason,
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>> that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.
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>> The lawyer sued and WON!
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>> (Stay with me.)
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>> Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the
>> insurance company that the claim was frivolous.
>> The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the
>> company,
>> in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also
>> guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining
>> what is considered to be unacceptable 'fire' and was obligated to pay
>> the claim.
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>> Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance
>> company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss
>> of the cigars that perished in the 'fires'.
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>> NOW FOR THE BEST PART...
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>> After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him
>> arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!!
>> With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case
>> being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally
>> burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in
>> jail and a \$24,000 fine.
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>> This true story won First Place in last year's
>> Criminal Lawyers Award Contest. ONLY IN AMERICA . . .
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