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### **Lawyer Dog**

You would think a lawyer wouldn't have to worry  
About being sued, but I guess if you hang around people who  
Hang around courtrooms you should maybe expect them to go  
Crazy sometimes, like you're the gun they tried to shoot  
somebody with  
And they missed by god and so the damn gun must not be  
shooting straight,  
So throw the damn thing on the floor, I mean if you see a  
whining, snarling dog  
Being set on by a pack of coyotes and you stick your hand in  
there thinking  
You're going to help the dog (for a small fee, of course) you  
shouldn't be  
Surprised when it turns around and bites you. You're just one  
more thing  
To gnaw on. Of course some people think lawyers are the  
snarling dogs in the first place,  
And if you're the dog going woof woof by god why did you look  
cross-eyed at my master you  
Shouldn't be surprised if some scruffier dog comes along and  
says woof woof why did you screw up  
My master's life. I mean a dog is a dog is a dog and a dog has to  
bark at somebody, and if there ain't  
Anything else on the street then you go barking at the other  
dogs. Not just barking either but rushing in and  
Biting the sons of bitches good, I mean we're talking a death  
hold if necessary, we don't want  
Master thinking we're not on his case or he might sue us. And  
admit it, by god, you screw things up  
All the time, you catch the judge in a bad mood and you just  
happen to have the wrong look in your eyes that day,  
Like if the judge kicked you you might snap back or something,  
which is exactly the wrong look to ever have  
Before a judge, because the judge is the judge is the judge, and  
the judge does whatever the hell the judge wants to,

Short of shooting you, or taking bribes in open court, and that's  
the dirty little secret we don't  
Tell our clients about, really, most of the time, like  
It doesn't really matter what the law says, if the judge really  
wants to go a certain way he'll find  
A way to do it, and the only thing to keep a judge half honest is  
the other judges, which is a bit  
Like lawyers guarding lawyers, or auditors auditing auditors,  
woof woof you big bad crooked lawyer dog,  
I'm going to sue your sorry ass, which is one hell of a note. So if  
I sue a doctor and I screw up,  
My client gets another dog and he sues me, and then I got to get  
A dog of my own, and then maybe the insurance company  
doesn't want to pay, and so I get  
A dog to sue them, and maybe he screws up, and I get a dog to  
sue him, and it's hard  
To sleep in the middle of the racket. I mean, we got a serious  
dog problem here and I don't know  
What to do about it, my malpractice is \$1000 a year, and that's  
without the extended tail, meaning  
If they sue me after I get disgusted and quit, the insurance  
company ain't going to pay,  
Because the tail costs extra. A dog without a tail is just walking  
around daring some other dog  
To sic him. So I got to find that many more people to bite just to  
pay my premiums  
So if I don't bite somebody just right they don't send in  
Some hungrier dog to take me on. I mean if this keeps up  
I'll be suing myself, biting my tail and gnawing my legs off.