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When an editor of a French fashion magazine slapped a public relations executive in the face during a New York Fashion Week event Sept. 9, she in turn got slapped with a lawsuit. Lynn Tesoro, the PR exec, is reportedly seeking at least \$1 million in damages from Jennifer Eymere, the fashion editor, for "assault, battery, emotional distress, slander and/or libel."

Eymere admitted to slapping Tesoro during a heated mix-up over seating arrangements, according to [ABC News](#). But, she said, "it was a small slap. It was not strong. I didn't hurt her, it was just to humiliate her."

Intentions aside, can you really be ordered to pay \$1 million for slapping someone?

It depends on who you are and who you slapped, attorneys say. According to John Lenoir of Lenoir Law Firm in New York City, "If it was during Fashion Week, depending on who was slapped they may be able to collect a little more than somebody who gets slapped during an argument in a grocery store." And why is that? "It's just inherent biases. If **somebody rich** is injured, they're more likely to get more money. They are seen to have been damaged more because in the eyes of society they are worth more," Lenoir told Life's Little Mysteries.

Steve Peskin of Tolmage, Peskin, Harris & Falick, a New York City personal injury law firm, concurred, saying the amount a judge or jury would grant a slap victim depends entirely on the people and the circumstances. "If she was a **runway model** and the slap caused a disfiguring scar, one

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million dollars would be chump change," Peskin said.

He added that technically, it's not up to the person filing the lawsuit how much money they want; it's up to the court to decide how much to award.

For regular slappers and slappedes, "there's practically zero chance that there will be an award for anywhere near one million dollars or even for more than \$20,000," Lenoir said. "I'd put \$20,000 at the high end."

Was the French slap worth it? Afterwards, Eymere reportedly said, "I humiliated her in front of her crew. Voilà. I just said at the end, 'Now you know you don't [expletive] with French people.'"

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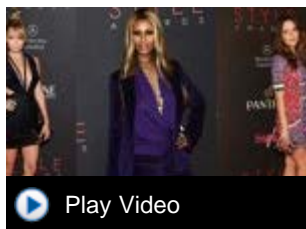
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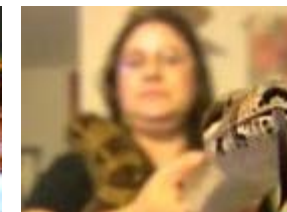
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I wouldn't be slapping to many people around the area I grew up. They would show her you don't \$uck with appalachian americans.

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You can be sued for \$12 million for looking at somebody wrong. That's why we need tort reform. Anyone who brings up a frivolous lawsuit should be put in the stocks for a week, and their attorney should be beaten to death in front of them.

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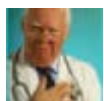
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Yes. Yes. Yes. Come get some mr. (or Ms.) lawyer . . .

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Had she slapped me, I'd have slapped her back. It's not polite to slap anyone.

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Yeah you could call them the "slap-a-thon" models.....i know that's stupid but so is this article LOL!

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the PR person should have knocked the beach of her french toast. Voila ,that would have put a french twist in the fashion divas panties

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Richard • 3 days ago

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"I the eyes of society they are worth more" How ignorant are people?

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Ld 2 days 7 hrs ago

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John,
If you read the news, the only rich people valued by this society more are entertainers and musicians. The ones that produce, that make & build, are pariahs whose money should be taken and given to the masses.

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Joseph • 2 days 18 hrs ago

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They left out, it depends on how crooked an attorney and stupid a jury you find!

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Old Geezer • 2 days 18 hrs ago

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Q. What is the difference between a Dead Lawyer and a Dead Rattlesnake in the middle of the road?

A. The Snake is the one with skidmarks in front of it! The Lawyer is the one with Tire Tracks on it!

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OG: what do you call 1000 ambulance chasing lawyers at the bottom of Lake Erie?

A: a pretty good start.....

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The good thing is that if you're broke, you can beat the crap out of someone and they can sue you all they want but they won't get squat!

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R • 2 days 18 hrs ago

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If you slap or otherwise assault someone, then yes, you can get sued. Can you sue for \$1 million? Sure. Should you actually win \$1 million? Not unless the slap managed to blind you or snap your spine.

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Anthony M • 3 days ago

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I would like to slap as many lawyers as I can!!!!

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Matthew 1 day 23 hrs ago

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Not ALL lawyer are like that.

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Then why didn't the Three Stooges get rich?

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They got rich ..remember the one when Curly found a can of coin

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I was tortured once-Nobody gave a damn.....

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Amy B • 2 days 6 hrs ago

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But, she said, "it was a small slap. It was not strong. I didn't hurt her, it was just to humiliate her."

She convicted herself right there lol

Old saying, applies 2both of these "ladies", you can put lipstick on a turd but is still a turd :)

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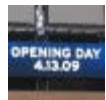
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The richer you are, the more a jury will give you, because your perceived worth is greater.

How true! There is a huge demographic that idolize the rich and famous, and feel just

that way. A jury would happily give, say, Brad Pitt any amount he asked for, but Brad's drunken uncle? Nada!

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James Shue • 2 days 4 hrs ago

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You can sue anyone for any amount, it is up to the Judges in this Country to start throwing frivolous lawsuits out, but they always take the position that the person bringing the suit is entitled to their day in Court. If that is the case you should tell them if they lose they pay the defense costs... [More](#)

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DENNIS • 2 days 1 hr ago

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Eymere should claim the slap was her way of expressing her free speech rights.

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NickD • 1 day 20 hrs ago

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Some one who is rich may be worth more in the eyes of some. But they are not. They should never receive anything more than anyone else would receive. Their schitt smells no different than yours or mine.

I have no use what so ever for those who fawn over the wealthy or famous. I have no...

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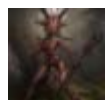


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Should have shown her how they did it in New York.

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Priestess Auset Ra Amunet • 2 days 1 hr ago

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The public relations executive should have commenced to whupping that trick like she broke in her house and stole something. then sued her #\$\$\$ for making you act out of character.

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Dont Believe It • 2 days 1 hr ago

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Its just a #\$\$\$

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