

Roy Black

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Roy Black's notable clients read like a Who's Who of celebrities.

Since winning an acquittal for William Kennedy Smith on charges of rape, he has represented Rush Limbaugh, Kelsey Grammer, three-time Indy 500 winner and "Dancing With the Stars" winner Helio Castroneves, "Girls Gone Wild" creator Joe Francis, artist Peter Max, billionaire Jeffrey Epstein, Dennis Rodman, Carmen Electra and Justin Bieber.

He's also an author and famously married to reality TV star and former juror No. 1 in the Kennedy Smith trial, **Lea Black**. Appearing on "The Real Housewives of Miami" is not his only brush with reality TV, though. He also served as "managing partner" of "The Law Firm," a short-lived legal takeoff on "The Apprentice."

A voracious reader with a prodigious memory, Black attended University of Miami on a swimming scholarship. He got the state's highest Bar exam score after graduation, then joined the public defender's office. Five years later, he went on his own. He has served as a legal analyst on NBC's "Today" show and ABC's "Good Morning America" and several other network and cable news shows.

Black, though, is best known as the meticulously—and exhaustively—well-prepared defense attorney who has won an impressive string of acquittals in notoriously controversial cases. In addition to the Kennedy Smith verdict, he won not guilty verdicts for Miami cops Luis Alvarez and William Lozano, accused of shooting unarmed black men in separate incidents. A death threat led to Black being accompanied by SWAT team members and bomb-sniffing dogs by the end of the Alvarez trial. Riots raged for three days after the verdict.

He recounts the Alvarez case legal strategy in his book, "Black's Law," along with three other cases, including alleged murders and money laundering.