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RIP Roy Black



This one really hurts.

He was 80. And he really was the GOAT of criminal defense lawyers. There are so many of us that want to be Roy in the courtroom -- commanding, persuasive, funny.

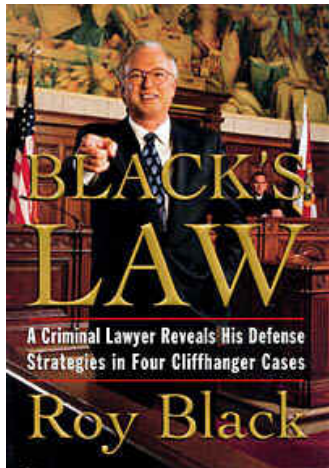
The hardest working.

The most determined.

And always so positive about winning.

I was lucky enough to try a 6 week trial with him out of town when I was a young lawyer. I learned so much. And he often helped me brainstorm my cases and trials after that.

He is survived by his wife Lea, their son RJ, and his daughter Nora. And his law partners at Black Srebnick, including Howard Srebnick, Scott Kornspan, Maria Neyra, Jackie Perczek, Mark Shapiro, and Jared Lopez.



If you want to hear from the master, here he is on my podcast talking about his win in the Luis Alvarez [case](#).

And I can't think of a greater tribute you can give him than listening to some of his courtroom performances.

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