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## Wodehouse's Lawyers

One can barely open one of Wodehouse's books without coming across a lawyer or two, so it is high time that members were provided with a reasonably comprehensive list from which to select their favourite member of the profession.

### **Appleby, Josiah**

of Marlowe, Thorpe, Prescott, Winslow & Co, one of many lawyers appearing in *The Girl on the Boat*.

### **Attwater, Ebenezer**

in *Big Money*, the lawyer of Berry Conway's late aunt, who lent Berry two hundred pounds to keep going.

### **Bagshott, Sam**

a newly-qualified barrister, and writer of stories for *Wee Tots*, in *Galahad at Blandings*.

### **Bastable, Sir Raymond**

Queen's Counsel in *Cocktail Time*, who wrote a best-selling novel after having his hat knocked off by a brazil nut shot by the Earl of Ickenham.

### **Bellamy, Max**

J B Hoke's American lawyer in *Big Money*, whose skills were highly respected by Mr Robbins, who acted in a similar capacity for T Patterson Frisby.

### **Bennett, Rufus**

father of Wilhelmina and, for the plot of *The Girl on the Boat*, only incidentally a member of Bennett, Mendelbaum & Co.

### **Bodger, Sir Joseph**

King's Counsel in *Romance of a Bulb-Squeezer* who made a speech defending Clarence Mulliner from a claim for £10,000 and a new pair of trousers, which set new standards in interpreting the principle of the Liberty of the Subject.

### **Boole, Mr**

of Mainprice, Mainprice & Boole, in *Something Fresh*, to whom Ashe Marson applied for a job.

### **Bunting, Cyril**

of Bunting, Satterthwaite & Miles in *Frozen Assets*. He, or another Bunting, also appeared in *Life with Freddie* in *Plum Pie*, when the firm's name had lost the 'Miles'.

### **Driscoll, Mr**

Queen's Counsel, present at the start of Adrian Mulliner's narrative in *From a Detective's Notebook*, published in *The World of Mr Mulliner*.

### **Erridge, Alexander**

of Nichols, Erridge, Trubshaw & Nichols, received a mere mention in *Bachelors Anonymous*.

### **Halliday, Johnny**

Barrister, in *The Girl in Blue* and *A Pelican at Blandings*, who was required to cross-examine his new fiancée Linda Gilpin, with unfortunate consequences for their relationship.

### **Harrison, Mr**

a member of Harrison, Harrison, Harrison & Harrison who appeared in three stories in *A Man of Means*.

### **Haskell, Leonard**

American lawyer of Haskell & Green, handling the estate of Edmund Biffen Pyke in *Frozen Assets*.

### **Jellicoe-Smith, Mr**

King's Counsel in *Something Fresh*, whose cross-examination of Lord Stockheath in a breach-of-contract case had caused a certain amusement.

### **Jervis, Mr**

managing clerk at Shoesmith, Shoesmith, Shoesmith, Shoesmith & Shoesmith, in *Ice in the Bedroom*.

### **Lippincott, J Bromley**

of Lippincott, Lippincott, Cohn, Mendelbaum & Lippincott, acted for the plaintiff in a case of plagiarism in *Barmy in Wonderland*.

### **Marlowe, Sir Mallaby**

of Marlowe, Thorpe, Prescott, Winslow & Co, and father of Sam Marlowe in *The Girl on the Boat*. Jno Peters was his solicitor's clerk.

### **McCorkadale, Mrs**

Barrister and parliamentary candidate in *Much Obligated, Jeeves*.

**Miller, Jeff**

Barrister in *Money in the Bank* who upset the judge during his first appearance in Court.

**Mortimer, Henry**

another character in *The Girl on the Boat*.

**Nichols, Jerry**

the newest partner, who 'speaks like a human being', of Nichols, Erridge, Trubshaw & Nichols.

**Phillimore, Edwin**

connected with Birkett, Birkett, Birkett, Son, Podmore, Podmore & Birkett, who in *Sam the Sudden* was reported to have been bitten by a guinea pig.

**Plimsoll, Harold**

The Haveshot family lawyer in *Laughing Gas*.

**Pyke, George Alexander**

The future Lord Tilbury worked as a clerk in an anonymous solicitor's office before building his publishing megalith and receiving his peerage.

**Pyle, Homer**

of Pyle, Wisbeach & Hollister in *The Girl in Blue*. His sister, Barney Claybourne, was arrested for shoplifting.

**Robbins, Mr**

of Robbins, Robbins, Robbins & Robbins who, in *Big Money*, acted for T Patterson Frisby in the matter of *The Dream Come True*.

**Scrope, Willoughby**

of Scrope, Ashby & Pemberton, where he employed Mabel as his Receptionist and Perce as his Office Boy in *The Girl in Blue*.

In addition to those firms mentioned above, the following have also made an appearance:

**Bodger, Bodger, Bodger & Bodger**

likely to send a communication concerning alleged libel to Potter of the Yard, on behalf of Mike Bond in *Do Butlers Burgle Banks?*

**Boles, Boles, Boles, Widgery, Widgery & Boles**

Sir Buckstone Abbott hoped they would approve his plan to dynamite the houseboat *Mignonette* in *Summer Moonshine*.

**Finch, Finch, Finch, Butterfield & Finch**

in *The Small Bachelor*, his membership of the firm had been the source of the late Thomas Finch's wealth, and thus his nephew George's fortune.

**Henderson, Henderson, Henderson, Henderson & Henderson**

A fictional firm invented by Jerry Shoesmith in *Frozen Assets*.

**Shoesmith, Mr**

of Shoesmith, Shoesmith, Shoesmith & Shoesmith. Gave a brief to Jeff Miller in *Money in the Bank*, and at various times employed Freddie Widgeon and Joe Pickering. He was Jerry Shoesmith's father.

**Stevens, Mr**

of Parbury & Stevens, appearing in the magazine story *Disentangling Old Percy*.

**Stoganbuhler, Mr**

Jane Hunnicutt's American lawyer in *The Girl in Blue*.

**Trout, Ephraim**

American lawyer of the firm Trout, Wapshott & Edelstein in *Bachelors Anonymous*, one of many legal firms employed by Ivor Llewellyn.

**Trubshaw, B J**

another incidental partner in Nichols, Erridge, Trubshaw & Nichols.

**Weems, Henry**

of Kelly, Dubinsky, Wix, Weems & Bessinger in *French Leave*, acting for the Trent sisters in the potential sale of their late father's dramatic composition *Brother Masons* to Hollywood.

**Wetherby, J G**

of Polk, Wetherby, Polk & Polk, was 'an old bloke with a face like a halibut', according to Syd Price in *If I Were You*.

**And an Imposter**

Jeeves purported to be an unnamed lawyer in *Aunts Aren't Gentlemen*, ch 19.

**Jones, Jukes, Jenkinson & Jerningham**

in *Bachelors Anonymous*, a firm to which Ikey Llewellyn threatened to transfer his legal work if Ephraim Trout did not visit him immediately.

**Nichols, Erridge & Trubshaw****Nichols, Nichols, Nichols & Nichols**

Two further incarnations of B J Trubshaw's firm in *Bachelors Anonymous*, and the earlier *Uneasy Money*, respectively.

**Shapiro, Shapiro, Shapiro & Shapiro****Wapshott, Wapshott, Wapshott & Wapshott**

both mentioned in passing in *Pigs Have Wings*.

**Shoesmith, Shoesmith, Shoesmith, Shoesmith & Shoesmith**

Gained the extra partner in *Ice in the Bedroom* and *Service with a Smile*.