

MY OTHER JOB IS IN A LAW OFFICE

10 PEOPLE YOU DIDN'T KNOW WERE LAWYERS

Those with qualifications to practice law don't always do so. Sometimes they become actors or athletes or even global icons. Here's a look at 10 people you probably didn't know were lawyers.

School Day job Legal life



University College, London

- Leader of Indian independence movement
- After studying in Europe, Gandhi returned to India, where his attempts to establish a law practice weren't fruitful, as he was psychologically opposed to cross-examining witnesses. In 1893, he accepted a one-year post at an Indian firm in South Africa, where he spent the next two decades developing his political ideology.

On the law:

"I had learnt the true practice of law. I had learnt to find out the better side of human nature and to enter men's hearts. I realized the true function of a lawyer was to unite parties riven asunder."

MAHATMA GANDHI

Studied in Europe and passed the bar in New York City

- Author, famous for "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"
- Though by his own admission, he barely passed the bar exam, Irving did manage to write stirring dispatches of the trial of Aaron Burr for the murder of Alexander Hamilton.



WASHINGTON IRVING

Did you know? Irving was the first to refer to New York as Gotham City.



New York University

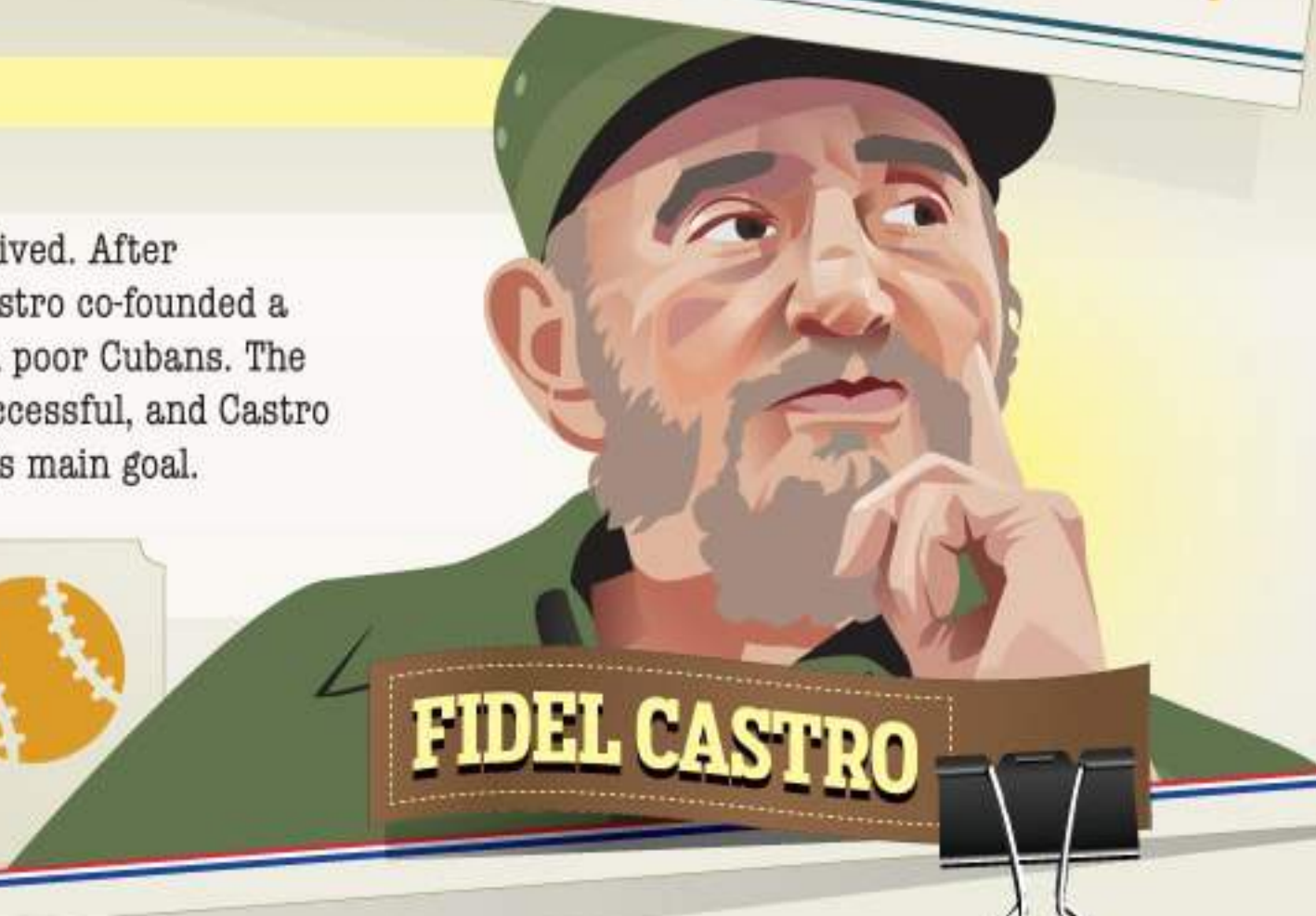
- ABC Sports announcer
- Cosell served as an attorney for baseball star Willie Mays and the Little League of New York. In 1963, an ABC Radio manager asked him to host a show featuring Little League participants. He hosted the show for three years, eventually leaving his legal practice to become a full-time broadcaster.

1 Primetime Emmy nomination for "Monday Night Football"

HOWARD COSELL

University of Havana

- Former president of Cuba
- Castro's law career was short-lived. After graduation from law school, Castro co-founded a partnership focusing mainly on poor Cubans. The practice was not financially successful, and Castro soon turned to revolution as his main goal.



FIDEL CASTRO

Did you know? Before he became a lawyer, Castro also wanted to be a baseball player.



University of Witwatersrand

- First black president of South Africa, longtime political prisoner
- Mandela co-founded Mandela and Tambo, the only African-run law firm in South Africa. After being forced by authorities to move to a new location, the firm's customer base dwindled and Mandela became more and more involved in politics and revolution.

On perseverance:

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

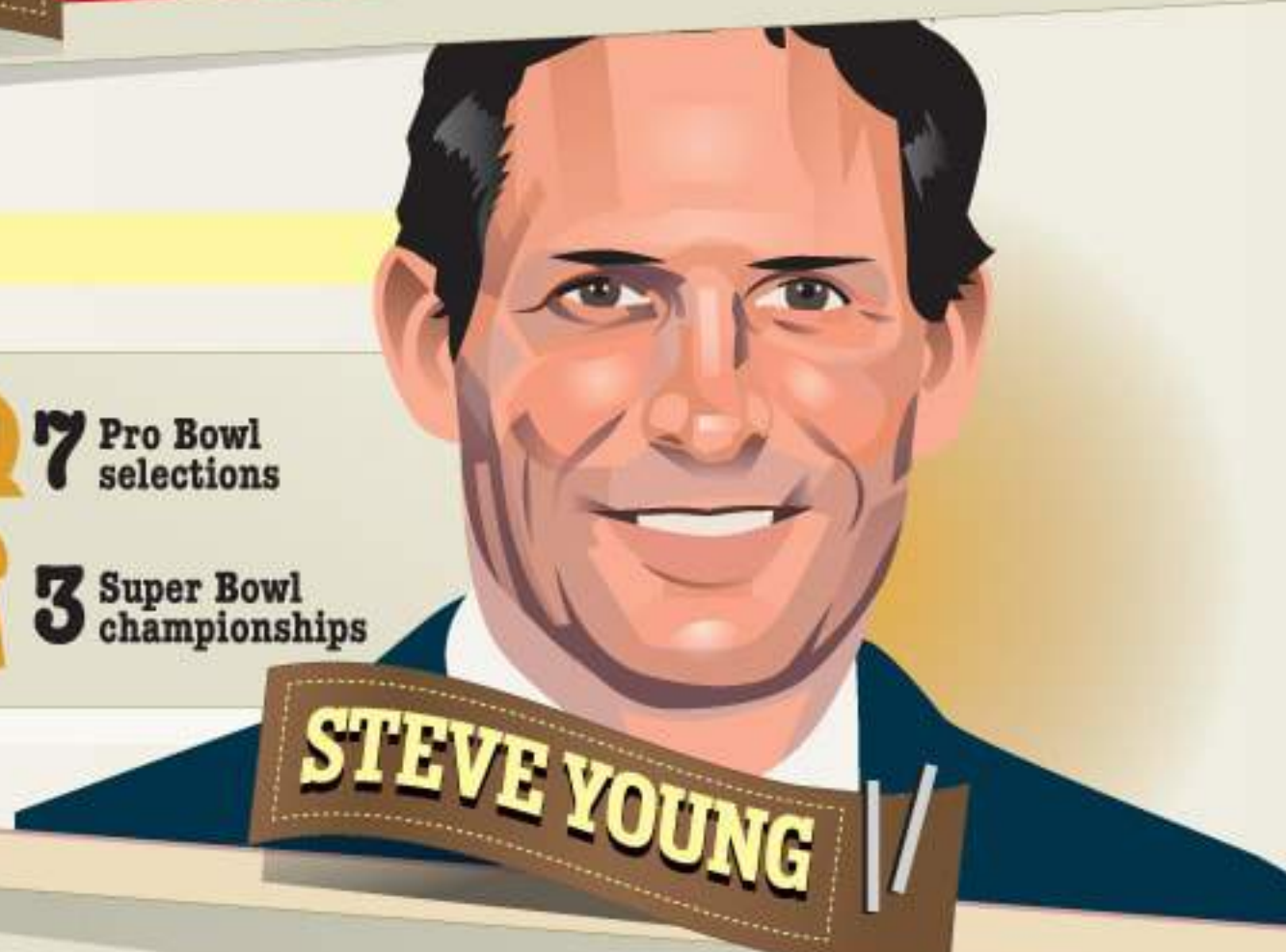
NELSON MANDELA

Brigham Young

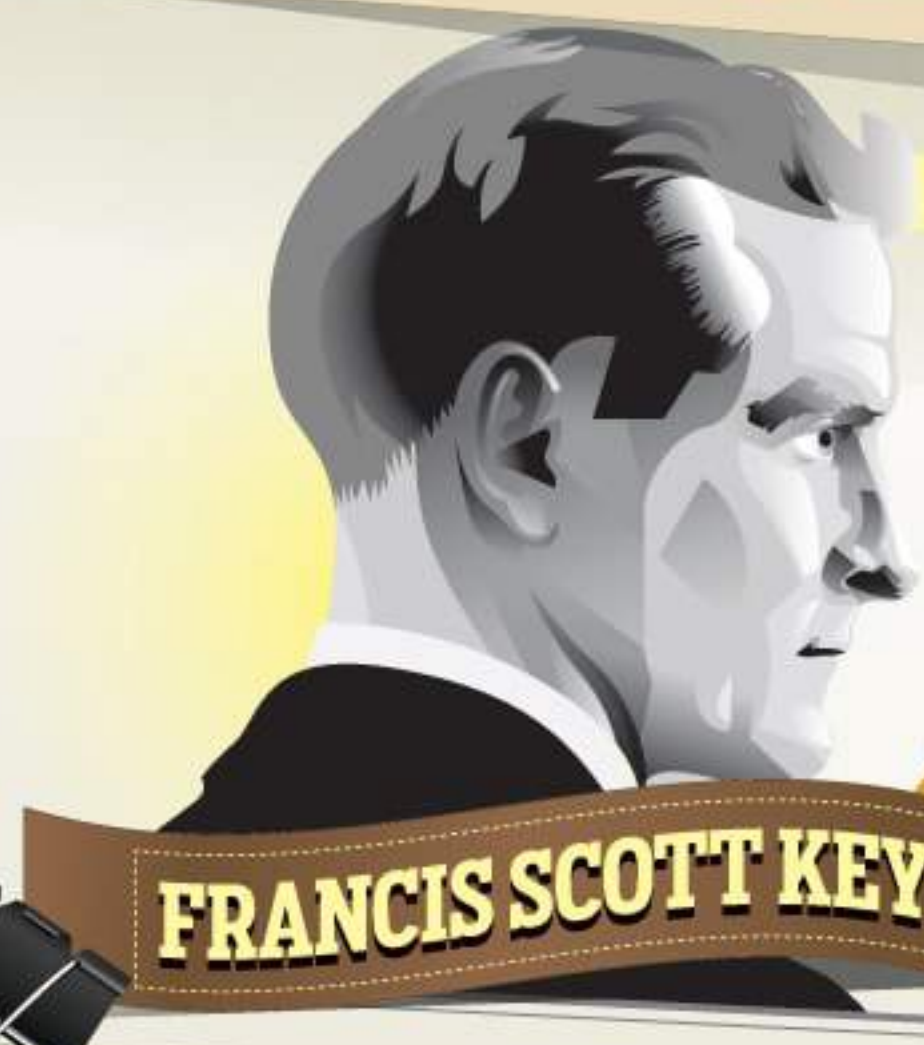
- Football player
- Though Young has never practiced as an attorney, he did complete quite a feat – winning the Super Bowl and completing a law degree in the same year. Young is now a popular NFL analyst on television.

7 Pro Bowl selections

3 Super Bowl championships



STEVE YOUNG



St. John's College

- Law was Key's day job, though he also penned the lyrics to a little-known song called "The Star-Spangled Banner."
- Key was a successful Maryland attorney for many years. He assisted his uncle, also a prominent attorney, in the conspiracy trial of former vice president Aaron Burr and argued multiple cases in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

His most famous case was prosecuting Richard Lawrence for attempting to assassinate President Andrew Jackson, the first-ever attempt on a president's life.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

Boston University

- TV writer and producer
- After law school, Kelley began working for a Boston law firm, where he mainly dealt with real estate and minor criminal cases. He soon became bored with the law practice and began producing screenplays, eventually drawing the attention of producer Steven Bochco, who hired Kelley to write for his hit "L.A. Law."



DAVIDE E. KELLEY

10 Primetime Emmys, for multiple series



University of Chicago

- TV producer, founder of TMZ
- Levin spent many years as an attorney in the entertainment industry, including reporting on the O.J. Simpson murder trial in Los Angeles. He went on to host "The People's Court," eventually giving up his California bar license. Since 2005, he's been the managing editor of entertainment news mainstay TMZ.

\$15 million Estimated net worth

HARVEY LEVIN

Villanova

- Relationship expert and porn actress
- In addition to a law degree, Zdrak also earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, intending to explore the intersection of the law and psychology by becoming a jury consultant. Shortly after graduation, Zdrak found herself in Playboy magazine as Miss October 1994. She now writes books on sex and relationships.

Did you know? Zdrak was the first Ukrainian student officially permitted to study in the U.S.



VICTORIA ZDRAK