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>> BEST LAWYER / INSURANCE STORY OF THE YEAR, DECADE, AND POSSIBLY THE  
>> CENTURY  
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>> This actually took place in Charlotte , North Carolina.  
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>> A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then  
>> insured them against, among other things, fire.  
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>> Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great  
>> cigars, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company.  
>> In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a serie= of  
>> small fires."  
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>> The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason,  
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>> that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.  
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>> The lawyer sued and WON!  
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>> (Stay with me.)  
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>> Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company  
>> that the claim was frivolous.  
>> The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from  
>> the company, in which it had warranted that the cigars were  
>> insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire,  
>> without defining what is considered to be unacceptable 'fire' and was  
>> obligated to pay the claim.  
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>> Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance  
>> company accepted the rulingand paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his  
>> loss of the cigars that perished in the 'fires'.  
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>> NOW FOR THE BEST PART...  
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>> After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him  
>> arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!!  
>> With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case  
>> being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally  
>> burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail  
>> and a \$24,000 fine.

