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Facebook's Eduardo Saverin To Host "America's Next Top Tax Lawyer"

Facebook co-founder [Eduardo Saverin](#)'s wealth and expatriation make him an ideal candidate to host a new reality

show: ***America's Next Top Tax Lawyer***. Sure, there are **lawyer** shows, but not about **tax** lawyers. They tried a [show](#) about [Mitch McDeere](#) of John Grisham's **The Firm**—remember [Tom Cruise](#) in the movie?

But **real** tax lawyers need a set, judges, and most important, a host. But who? Imagine contestants

standing expectantly before tax savvy Eduardo Saverin. Or perhaps the tax lawyer equivalent of Tyra Banks—bookish **and** attractive, think Vesper Lynd in [Casino Royale](#). Saverin or Tax-Tyra would intone:

“I see 13 of you standing before me, yet I am holding only 12 photos in my hand. And these photos are of those who are still in the running toward becoming ***America's Next Top Tax Lawyer***.”

Revealing each tax lawyer's photo to gasps and relief, then only two remain. With palpable tension, cut to a commercial for [TurboTax](#) or [H&R](#)



[Block](#). Then we're back to the inevitable: "I am now holding only one photo, and that photo is of the person who is still in the running toward becoming ***America's Next Top Tax Lawyer***."

There's no such show—not yet. But a tax lawyer's work is intellectually challenging and tax lawyers are an eclectic lot. See [Five True Tales From A Tax Lawyer](#) and [Five More True Tales From A Tax Lawyer](#). Taxes impact critical business and personal decisions daily. Perhaps there's even a little cachet, a kind of reverse panache, like techies?

It's a pity tax lawyers won't get their own reality show anytime soon. Besides, it would be more *Top Chef* than *America's Next Top Model*. As with chefs, becoming a tax lawyer means learning by doing, experimenting with ingredients, julienning deductions, broiling credits, trying depreciation flambé. It's no runway walk or cakewalk.

And sadly, watching tax lawyers is no spectator sport either. But learning by doing? I'd say Eduardo Saverin gets this year's prize for clever tax planning.

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