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## Orin Snyder

*Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP*

The former federal prosecutor says his recent victory on behalf of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg over a man who claimed to be half owner of the

social-networking site is “a good example of what happens when a company refuses to give in to a shakedown.” The New York-based litigator and political junkie (he raises money for Democrats) in March got a claim dismissed on First Amendment grounds against Barbara Walters over her reference in a 2008 biography to her daughter’s friend getting kicked out of school for “bad behavior.” He’s repping Nancy Grace in a \$15 million contract dispute with a former colleague and recently resolved a dispute between ESPN and his client, Conference USA, after it moved broadcast rights to Fox.

### ➔ **Worst thing ever said to me**

In the Facebook case, lawyers for the plaintiff sought to prevent Snyder from participating in calls with them. “They said I was too aggressive. The judge denied their request.”