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# Tucker Carlson And Don Lemon Both Lawyer Up -- With Same Attorney

This attorney has developed a practice as the go-to lawyer for fired TV hosts.

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You might have thought there was a weird glitch in the matrix yesterday, when two cable news mainstays on two different channels both got the ax from their respective jobs. Or perhaps it was National Cable News Cleaning House Day, and you'd just never noticed before.



Bryan Freedman (Photo by Matt Winkelmeyer/Getty Images)

In any event, both Don Lemon, formerly of CNN, and Tucker Carlson, formerly of Fox News, are now out of work. And neither split looks amicable. Lemon said [on Twitter](#) he was "stunned" by the move, something the network [disputed](#). Carlson was [reportedly](#) pushed out of his job by Rupert Murdoch, and is said to be "blindsided" by his ouster.

Like any good disgruntled former employee, both men have lawyered up. With the same attorney.



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I'm told that both Tucker Carlson AND Don Lemon have retained the famously aggressive entertainment lawyer Bryan Freedman. I have reached out to Freedman; no response yet.

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[Bryan Freedman](#) earned his J.D. from University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law and has developed a niche in the entertainment law market, representing former televisions hosts against their networks. He repped [Sage Steele](#) in her legal battle with ESPN. He also [represented former Bachelor host](#) Chris Harrison when he was let go from the show. Freedman negotiated the exit agreement between [Megyn Kelly](#) and NBC. He was [Gabrielle Union's lawyer](#) after she was let go from America's Got Talent. He's also [Chris Cuomo's attorney](#) in that messy network departure.

Just another way the careers of Carlson and Lemon will be linked going forward.

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