A Lawyer is . . .

A lawyer is a whore, a witch, a wizard, a bully, a prophet, a reactionary, a radical, a pimp, a reformer, a mercenary, a fool, a genius, a healer, a destroyer, a leader of the pack, a member of the mob, an artist, laborer, a free spirit, an earthbound clod.

A lawyer will bend, twist, cajole, bruise, con the powerful through argument, logic, emotion, cronyism and ass kissing, hoping to gain for clients what, very often, should never have been at risk, the right to their children, their homes, their freedom, their food—genuinely rejoicing in the crumbs that fall from the judicial table, cynically carving a banquet out of bone and gristle.

I fit with the role too well to be happy with myself and too poorly to be a good lawyer.

Vic Ambrose