

### **3.4 million euros for best-paid lawyer last year**

The best paid lawyer in Romania officially earned 12.45 million RON (3.4 million euros) last year, that is 280,000 euros per month, which is close to the highest net income earned from legal practice in 2007, data sent to ZF by the National Fiscal Administration Agency reveal. Lawyers reign supreme in the ranking of the top ten incomes made from liberal professions in 2008, whereas in 2007 the ranking also included notaries and chartered accountants. "The law is maybe the only profession where all incomes are real and verified by invoices.

They are all legal. In case of other categories such as surgeons, the income is not revealed in its entirety," believes **Daniela Necefor**, managing partner of **Total Business Solutions (TBS)** executive search company. The total value of the incomes revealed by the top ten earners stands at 87.3 million RON (23.7 million euros). Nine of these people were based in Bucharest, with the seventh place occupied by a lawyer from Sibiu, who earned 7.96 million RON (2.16 million euros) in net income. As far as Bucharest is concerned, the area with the highest incomes was the 1st sector, with five people. The lawyers ranking second and third earned 9.9 million RON (2.7 million euros) and 9.3 million RON (2.5 million euros).