

## Sergei Magnitsky was not Browder's lawyer but his accountant

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Sergei Magnitsky was not a lawyer hired by William Browder in 2007. He was Browder's accountant since 2001, working for the Freedom House accounting firm in Moscow, handling Browder's Heritage Fund accounts. And organizing his tax evasion.

Here is the first page of [testimony](#) Magnitsky gave to Russian authorities in 2006 and 2007 which, #8, lists him as an auditor at Freedom House.



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Here is Browder in his April 2007 sworn [deposition](#) before U.S. federal court, where lying can get you a perjury charge.

The lawyer asked if Magnitsky had a law degree in Russia.

"I'm not aware that he did," Browder said.

Did he know if Magnitsky "went to law school?"

"No," Browder answered.

*Browder admits Magnitsky didn't go to law school or have a law degree. And, contrary to what Browder says, he didn't "represent" him in court. He was called to give testimony about his role in Browder's Heritage Fund tax evasion. As an accountant, of course. From Browder's sworn deposition in U.S. Federal Court 2007.*