

Sheen games system

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Cue the laughtrack, 'cause [Charlie Sheen](#) is getting the last chuckle.

Again.

The scandal-scarred TV star, who's being paid an estimated \$29 million a season to traipse around the **"Two and a Half Men"** set in shorts as the skeezy musician Charlie Harper, just pulled a skeevier one on the justice system.

On Monday, armed with a team of high-priced lawyers, Sheen reached another nadir in Hollywood junk justice (see OJ and Robert Blake) by cutting a deal with prosecutors in Aspen. He'll avoid jail time -- and responsibility -- after holding a knife to wife Brooke Mueller's throat last Christmas. Classy dude.

Oh, wait, Sheen *was* sentenced to 30 days in the tony Promises Treatment Center in LA but . . . wait for it . . . he might not even have to serve his sentence, since he's already accumulated 93 days at Promises this year.

Now *that's* funny.

"Apparently celebs like Sheen get Monopoly justice -- a get-out-of-jail-free card because they're on a TV series," says Sue Moss, a high-powered family lawyer with Chemtob [Moss](#) Forman & Talbert, who's seen too many battered wives and too much heartache.

"Whenever they make a determination of what a sentence should be, the first thing they look at it past history -- and not only does Sheen have a past history with [his wife], but a past history with his former wife and other allegations from other women," Moss says.

"In his case, this *will* happen again," she says. Yes, but the Aspen DA argued that Sheen committed his "misdemeanor third-degree assault" in Colorado, his first offense in that state -- and that "Nobody on their first offense goes to jail for 30 days."

"That's an absolutely ridiculous argument -- that just because he's committed a crime in another state and not in this state he should be held to a lesser standard," Moss says.

"I've worked with a lot of domestic-violence survivors and each one says, 'Will the judge take it seriously?' The reason they have doubt . . . is cases like this, where a celebrity with a repeated pattern of beating up girlfriends or wives, gets a slap on the wrist and may even benefit from the publicity."

Even Charlie's drug-addled, show-biz colleague, Lindsay Lohan, managed to tough it out for 14 days in an LA jail for an old DUI case -- before starting her court-ordered *90 days* in rehab.

Yet Sheen negotiated a new deal for "Two and a Half Men" while his case was ongoing. Show producer Warner Bros. punished him by doubling his salary.

"This is what we're teaching the public -- that bad behavior reaps benefits," Moss says.

Indeed.