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A U.S. federal court has found that the \$9.5 billion judgment against Chevron Corporation in Ecuador was the product of fraud and racketeering activity, finding it unenforceable. The court found that Steven Donziger, the lead American lawyer behind the Ecuadorian lawsuit against the company, and his associates violated the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), committing extortion, money laundering, wire fraud, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations, witness tampering and obstruction of justice in obtaining the Ecuadorian judgment and in trying to cover up their crimes.

It is unfortunate that, despite this overwhelming evidence of fraud, reputable groups like the Business and Human Rights Resource Center continue to provide a platform for anonymous accusations and conspiracy theories that are baseless and simply ridiculous.

To learn what really happened in this case, we suggest your readers [read the U.S. court decision](#), which outlines in great detail the fraud and misconduct engaged in by Mr. Donziger and his associates, or [this Amicus Brief](#) filed recently by human rights leaders in support of Chevron.