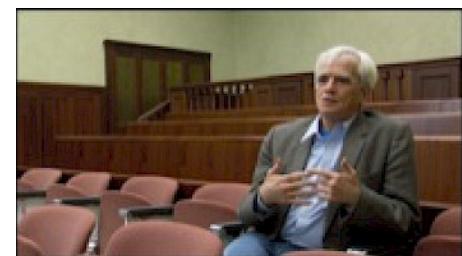




# THE LAWYERS - A GERMAN STORY

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## SYNOPSIS

In the early 1970s, three left-wing lawyers fought against what they saw as the restrictive state apparatus of the Federal Republic of Germany. They defended individuals before the law who had been labeled enemies of the state. Today, one is Germany's former Minister of the Interior, another represents the leftist conscience of the Green Party, and the third is a right-wing extremist in jail for denying the Holocaust. The three lawyers are Otto Schily, Hans-Christian Ströbele und Horst Mahler. They speak with director Birgit Schulz about their experiences defending accused members of the Red Army Faction in the German courts, about their ideals, and about the aspirations for the future which they shared at that time and also about what became of them in the end. Each of the three believes that he has remained true to his convictions.

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