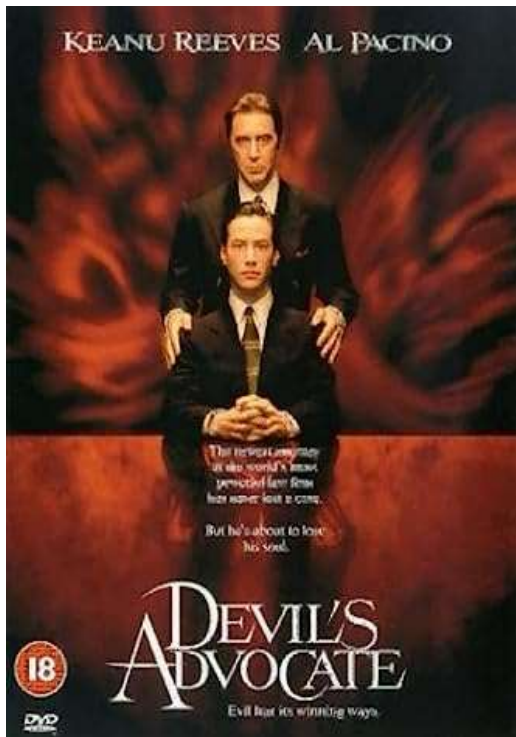


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Title: Devil's Advocate



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Information

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Certification: 18

Duration: 2h 24m

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Languages: English, German, Italian, Mandarin, Spanish

Filming locations: Trump Tower - 725 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, New York City, New York, USA(Cullen's apartment - Donald Trump's personal home)

Sound mix: DTS, Dolby Digital, SDDS

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1

The Devil's Advocate

Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Taylor Hackford
Screenplay by	Jonathan Lemkin Tony Gilroy
Based on	<i>The Devil's Advocate</i> by Andrew Neiderman
Produced by	Amnon Milchan Arnold Kopelson Anne Kopelson
Starring	Keanu Reeves Al Pacino Charlize Theron Jeffrey Jones Judith Ivey Craig T. Nelson
Cinematography	Andrzej Bartkowiak
Edited by	Mark Warner
Music by	James Newton Howard
Production companies	Regency Enterprises Kopelson Entertainment
Distributed by	Warner Bros.
Release date	October 17, 1997 (United States)
Running time	144 minutes ^[1]
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$57 million ^[2]
Box office	\$153 million ^[2]

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Storyline

Kevin Lomax is a Gainesville, Florida defence attorney who has never lost a case. While defending schoolteacher Lloyd Gettys against a charge of child molestation, he realizes his client is guilty. Despite this, Kevin destroys the victim's credibility through a harsh cross examination, securing a "not guilty" verdict.

A New York City law firm asks Kevin to assist a jury selection. After the jury delivers a not guilty verdict, the head of the firm, John Milton, offers Kevin a high-paying job. Kevin accepts, and he and his wife Mary Ann move to Manhattan. He is soon spending most of his time at work, leaving Mary Ann feeling isolated. Kevin's fundamentalist mother Alice, whose only time having sex in her life resulted in Kevin's birth, suggests they both return home after an unsettling conversation with Milton, but Kevin refuses.

When billionaire Alex Cullen is accused of murdering his wife, his stepson, and a maid, Milton assigns the case to Kevin. This demands more of Kevin's time, further separating him from Mary Ann, and he begins to fantasize about his co-worker, Christabella. Mary Ann begins seeing visions of the partners' wives becoming demonic, and has a nightmare about a baby playing with her removed ovaries. After a doctor declares her infertile, she begs Kevin to return them to Gainesville, but he refuses. Milton suggests Kevin step down from the trial to tend to Mary Ann, but Kevin says that he fears he will resent her for costing him the case.

Eddie Barzoon, the firm's managing partner, is convinced that Kevin is competing for his job after discovering Kevin's name on the firm's charter and threatens to inform the United States Attorney's office of the firm's activities. Kevin tells Milton about Eddie's threats, but Milton seems to dismiss them; during the conversation, Eddie is beaten to death in Central Park by vagrants with demonic appearances.

While preparing Melissa Black, Alex Cullen's secretary, to testify about the latter's alibi, Kevin realizes she is lying and tells Milton he believes Alex is guilty. Milton offers to back him regardless and Kevin proceeds, winning an acquittal with Melissa's perjured testimony. Afterwards, Kevin finds Mary Ann covered with a blanket in a nearby church. She claims Milton raped her that day, but Kevin insists Milton was with him in court. Mary Ann drops her blanket, revealing her body covered with cuts and scratches. Assuming she injured herself, Kevin commits her to a mental institution. U.S. Justice Department agent Mitch Weaver warns Kevin that Milton is corrupt and reveals that Gettys has been arrested for killing a little girl. Moments later, Weaver is struck by a car and killed. At the same time, during Eddie's funeral service, Milton, who is in the church, sticks his finger into holy water, which makes it boil.

Alice, Kevin, and Pam Garrety, his case manager, visit Mary Ann at the institution. After seeing Pam as a demon, Mary Ann hits her, barricades the room, and commits suicide. Alice reveals that Milton is Kevin's father, whom she met in New York decades earlier. Kevin leaves the hospital to confront Milton, who admits to raping Mary Ann. Kevin shoots Milton, but the bullets do not harm him. Milton reveals himself as Satan; Kevin blames him for everything that happened, but Milton counters that he merely "set the stage", and that Kevin chose to neglect Mary Ann and defend the guilty. Kevin realizes he always wanted to win, no matter the cost. Christabella appears, and Milton announces that he wants Kevin and Christabella – Kevin's half-sister – to conceive the Antichrist. Kevin initially appears to acquiesce, but then abruptly shoots himself in the head. Milton's Satanic rage burns Christabella alive, initially revealing his demonic form before turning into a winged angel who resembles Kevin.

Suddenly, Kevin finds himself back at the recess of the Gettys trial, the entire experience having been a vision of the future. He returns to the courtroom and finds Mary Ann alive and well. Once the trial resumes, Kevin, now aware of what will happen should he cross examine the victim, announces that he cannot represent his client despite the threat of disbarment. Kevin's reporter friend Larry offers him a high-profile interview, promising to make him famous. Encouraged by Mary Ann, Kevin agrees. After they leave, Larry transforms into Milton, who breaks the fourth wall and declares, "Vanity—definitely my favorite sin."

Cast

Keanu Reeves as Kevin Lomax
Al Pacino as John Milton / Satan
Charlize Theron as Mary Ann Lomax
Jeffrey Jones as Eddie Barzoon
Judith Ivey as Alice Lomax
Connie Nielsen as Christabella Andreoli
Craig T. Nelson as Alexander Cullen
Heather Matarazzo as Barbara
Tamara Tunie as Jackie Heath
Murphy Guyer as Barbara's Father
Ruben Santiago-Hudson as Leamon Heath
Michael Lombard as Judge Poe
Debra Monk as Pam Garrety
Vyto Ruginis as Mitch Weaver, Justice Department
Laura Harrington as Melissa Black
Pamela Gray as Diana Barzoon
M.B. Ghaffari as Bashir Toabal
George Wyner as Meisel
Neal Jones as Larry, a Florida reporter
Don King as himself
Roy Jones Jr. as himself (uncredited)
Delroy Lindo as Phillipe Moyez (uncredited)
Chris Bauer as Lloyd Gettys
Monica Keena as Alessandra Cullen
Senator Al D'Amato as himself
Harsh Nayyar as Parvathi Resh

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina:16 Argentina:18 (cable rating) Australia:R18+ Australia:MA15+ (Director's Cut) Belgium:KT/EA Brazil:18
Canada:18A (Canadian Home Video Rating) Canada:R (Manitoba) Canada:18 (Nova Scotia) Canada:AA (Ontario) Canada:16+
(Quebec) Canada:13+ (re-rating, Quebec) Ecuador:15 (self-applied) Egypt:R Finland:K-16 France:12 Germany:16 (bw) Hong
Kong:IIB Iceland:16 India:A Indonesia:18+ (self-applied) Ireland:18 Italy:VM14 Japan:R18+ Malaysia:(Banned) Mexico:C
Netherlands:16 New Zealand:R18 Norway:15 Peru:14 Philippines:R-18 Poland:16 Portugal:M/16 Russia:16+
Singapore:R(A) Singapore:R21 (re-rating) South Africa:18 (self-applied) South Korea:18 Spain:18 Sweden:15 Turkey:18+
United Kingdom:18 United States:R (certificate #35596) Ukraine:16 United Arab Emirates:18+ (self-applied)

Sex & Nudity – Severe **Violence & Gore** – Severe, **Profanity** – Severe **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking** – Moderate **Frightening & Intense Scenes** – Severe

MPAA Rated R for sexuality, nudity, violence and language

