

# **Portsmouth Lawyer Michael Mearan Arrested on Human Trafficking Charges**

NewsFormer Portsmouth, Ohio, city council member and attorney Michael Mearan was arrested today on human trafficking, racketeering and related charges.

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# **Coral Gables Attorney Accused of Multiple Bank Robberies**

NewsA South Florida lawyer has been arrested for his involvement in at least five robberies or attempted robberies of local banks, FBI officials said Wednesday.

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# **Broward Attorneys Face Charges in Scheme to Steal Foreclosure Surplus Checks**

NewsTwo Broward attorneys were arrested this week for their involvement in a nearly \$750,000 fraud scheme to rip off unsuspecting victims of foreclosure surplus checks.

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# **Lawyer's False and Inflammatory Accusations Leads to Suspension**

NewsThe Ohio Supreme Court today suspended a Lucas County attorney for two years, with six months stayed, for levying false and inflammatory accusations against opposing attorneys, a magistrate, parties in two of his cases, and disciplinary officials hearing the complaints against him.

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# **Quincy Jury Awards \$411M in Verdict for Paralyzed Gadsden County Veteran**

NewsA \$411.7 million verdict was returned for a veteran paralyzed in a 45-vehicle interstate pileup in 2018.

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**After Refusing \$30K**

# **Settlement Offer, Bad Faith Suit May Cost GEICO \$2.7M**

NewsMore than eight years after Bonnie Winslett tore up and threw away a summons that notified her she was being sued, the Georgia Supreme Court is being asked to resolve questions of law that will determine whether GEICO Indemnity Co. must pay approximately \$2.7 million of a court's award against her.

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# **Four COVID-19 Litigation Trends That Are Affecting Businesses and Individuals**

NewsIt has been six months since the initial wave of government mandated 'stay-at-home' orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, we have seen at least four important litigation trends emerge.

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# **Lawyer in Ex-Mobster's Toby Keith Restaurant Scheme Gets Prison Term**

NewsThe Arizona lawyer who helped an ex-mobster orchestrate the failure of a nationwide chain of Toby Keith restaurants

was sentenced Monday to six months in prison.

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## **Small Photo Credit Removal May Result in Big Damages**

News0mitting a small print photo credit can get you in big trouble under the copyright laws.

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## **Justices Suspend Lawyer Following Multiple Alcohol Arrests**

NewsA mayor's son and lawyer who has been arrested five times for alcohol-related incidents has been suspended from the Indiana bar for at least one year.

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## **Woman Arrested at Boston Airport, Suspected of Running**

# **Unlawful Law Practice in Uptown Dallas**

NewsMassachusetts state police detained Camilia Shene Johnson at Logan International Airport on Sept. 5 as she tried to board a flight to Istanbul, Turkey.

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# **Lawyer Who Allegedly Lied About Health for Deadline Extensions Should be Suspended**

NewsAn Illinois lawyer, who reportedly lied and said he had cancer—when he did not—and instead was looking for discovery deadline extensions, is facing potential suspension from the practice of law.

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# **Myrtle Beach Lawyer Disbarred After Alford Plea to Indecent Exposure, History of Similar**

# Charges

NewsA Myrtle Beach lawyer is no longer allowed to practice law after entering an Alford plea on charges of indecent exposure, and a history of pleas related to assault and voyeurism.

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## Ask Your Online Witness About Their Off-Camera Resources

### *News*

If you're conducting a deposition or cross-examination there are certain questions you need to ask yourself.

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## Vero Beach Lawyer Buck Vocelle Charged with DUI, Property Damage and Personal Injury

### *News*

Vero Beach lawyer Louis 'Buck' Vocelle, Jr., was arrested Saturday night and charged with DUI, property damage and personal injury.

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# **Ex-UAW Boss Williams Charged in Embezzlement Scandal as Federal Probe Continues**

## ***News***

Retired United Auto Workers President Dennis Williams was charged Thursday with conspiracy to embezzle union funds following a years-long investigation into racketeering, bribery and other crimes that has pushed one of the nation's most powerful unions to the brink of a federal takeover.

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# **Former Crestline Police Chief Joe Butler Awarded \$380,000 Settlement**

## ***News***

Former Crestline police chief Joe Butler has been awarded a \$380,000 settlement in a lawsuit he filed against the village.

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# Lawyer Can't Sue Over Poor Avvo Rating and Allegedly Incorrect Bar Status, Federal Judge Rules

## *News*

A federal judge in Seattle has tossed a lawyer's \$1.5 million defamation lawsuit against Avvo for allegedly posting false information that made him look 'terrible.'

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# Overbilling Suit Alleges K&L Gates Used These Techniques to Increase Fees

## *News*

An overbilling lawsuit filed against K&L Gates on Monday alleges the law firm used multiple techniques to increase its fees fraudulently while representing a company in a suit over a failed lease agreement.

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# Trade Secret Misappropriation

# Judgment Reversed

## *News*

A tax consultant should not have been found liable for misappropriating trade secrets after he used his ex-employer's allegedly proprietary 'tax arbitrage' strategy in providing services to its former clients, the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled.