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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Small Photo Credit Removal May Result in Big Damages

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.’

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.

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.