

# Disbarred Lawyer Hooked for \$989k Restitution, Gets Prison in Client Swindle

A disbarred lawyer who swindled clients on Staten Island and in Brooklyn is on the hook for nearly \$1 million in restitution and will spend up to a dozen years in prison, according to **a report** on silive.com.

“According to authorities, Robert Fontanelli helped himself to more than \$1 million owed a client from a real-estate sale and to more than \$155,000 from another client in an unrelated property deal,” the site reports.

A judge in state Supreme Court sentenced Fontanelli to one to three years in prison and ordered him to pay \$55,760 to a Staten Island client whose personal-injury settlement the ex-barrister pocketed. The report says the sentence will run concurrently to a separate sentence of four to 12 years in prison and \$933,245 in restitution imposed on Fontanelli last week in Brooklyn state Supreme Court for grand larceny and fraud-related convictions.

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