

Former BigLaw Associate Gets 5 Years in \$5m Ponzi Scheme That Bilked Friends and Relatives

A former Skadden Arps lawyer who cheated friends and relatives of life savings in a Ponzi scheme and then tried to kill himself was sentenced in New York to five years in prison Thursday, reports the **Associated Press** and the *New York Post*.

His crime was revealed when he wrote a long suicide note and jumped into the Hudson River in a 2014 suicide attempt that ended with his rescue by police divers.

A U.S. District Court judge gave Bennett a sentence at the high end of federal sentencing guidelines. She announced it after hearing several of the 58-year-old's friends describe giving hundreds of thousands of dollars for a supposedly safe investment. Some of them told the judge he is a "pathological liar."

Read the **AP story** and the *Post story*.