

# Former State Attorney Took Bribes, Stole More Than \$600K From Elderly Man, His Estate

“Jeff Siegmeister, who was state attorney representing Columbia and six other North Florida counties for nearly seven years until he resigned suddenly in December 2019, was indicted this week on federal charges including conspiracy, extortion, fraud and several other charges,” report Eric Wallace and Frank Powers in *News4Jax Local News*.

“The FBI’s investigation of Siegmeister began in 2018 following allegations of a bribery scheme in which Siegmeister was accused of having ‘solicited money or things of value from defendants and lawyers in exchange for favorable prosecution treatment.’ According to a 37-page indictment, a grand jury charged Siegmeister with 11 counts related mostly to soliciting and accepting bribes in various cases between 2013 to 2019. Siegmeister is accused of soliciting and accepting bribes in return for the ‘favorable disposition’ of criminal cases.”

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