

# Lawyers in Trouble: One Collected Dead Client's Pension, Another Charged With Stealing \$300,000 from Client

A suspended Rhode Island lawyer has admitted to illegally collecting more than \$200,000 in pension funds for a deceased client for nearly a dozen years after the man's death, reports the *Providence Journal*.

Oleg Nikolyszyn, 65, pleaded guilty to two counts of mail fraud and one of theft from an employee benefit pension fund for collecting \$234,586 from December 2003 through September 2015 in the name of a former employee of the City of Providence, the report explains.

In a separate case, *Newsday* reports that an attorney from Long Island was indicted on a grand larceny charge for stealing more than \$300,000 from an elderly client.

Peter Rand stole funds from an irrevocable trust created by the client, a man in his 80s, between April 1, 2014, and Feb. 3, 2015, officials said.

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