

# Grand Jury Declines to Indict Defense Lawyer for Digging up Shell Casings

## *News*

On Monday, a grand jury declined to indict defense lawyer Angela Elleman accused of digging up shell casings linked to a murder case and keeping them in a safe for more than six years.

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# Sandusky Prosecutor and Former Penn State Lawyer Disciplined

## *News*

Baldwin, who also was accused of violating professional rules for lawyers in her representation of the officials, was given a public reprimand by the high court Wednesday.

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# Lawyer Is Ordered To Pledge Compliance With Ethics Rules

# In Legible Handwriting

## *News*

A Cleveland-area lawyer had to show his contrition with a \$500 fine and a written mea culpa as a result of a judge's order last week.

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## Disgraced Lawyer Michael Avenatti Found Guilty in Nike Extortion Trial

## *News*

Michael Avenatti was found guilty by a federal jury in New York on Friday of all three counts he faced over an attempt to extort Nike.

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## Uniontown Lawyer Accused of Orchestrating Scheme to 'Clean' Drug Money, For A Fee

## *News*

A tip to an FBI hotline launched an eight-month investigation by the state police organized crime unit that ended this week with a Uniontown lawyer being accused of offering to launder drug money for clients.

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# California Lawyer Arrested For Selling Guns and Distributing Methamphetamine

## *News*

Melinda Romines, 41, of Anaheim, was taken into federal custody this morning. She is expected to make her initial court appearance this afternoon in United States District Court in Los Angeles.

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# O.C. Lawyer Arrested, Accused of Illegally Selling Firearms to Undercover ATF Agent

## *News*

Melinda Romines, a 41-year-old Anaheim resident, has been charged with conspiracy to engage in the business of dealing in firearms without a license.

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# Texas University Moves to Fire its President Over Law School Admissions Scandal

## *News*

Lane failed to promptly report to the board or internal auditor allegations of fraudulent and dishonest conduct by an assistant law dean.

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# Former Biglaw Partner is Suspended After Writing Himself Checks from Firm, Claiming Gambling Addiction

## *News*

A former partner at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker has been suspended after an ethics panel concluded that he wrote himself checks from the law firm's operating account and then lied about a gambling addiction.

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# Houston-Area Lawyer Brought

# Loaded Gun Into Travis Co. Courthouse

## *News*

A Houston-area attorney was arrested Tuesday after deputies accused him of bringing a loaded handgun into the Travis County Courthouse, court documents say.

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# Ransomware Attacks Hit Three Law Firms in Last 24 Hours

## *News*

Hackers have stolen data from at least five law firms, using the threat of releasing the data to extort payment from the firms.

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# Police Detect Pot at Airport, Arrest Little Rock Lawyer

## *News*

David Littlejohn, 45, was arrested by Little Rock police around 9:30 p.m. at the airport, the report states. Online court records show he faces one count of possession with the purpose to deliver a schedule IV controlled substance.

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# St. Pete Attorney Arrested for Bringing Cell Phone into County Jail

## *News*

Barnard was arrested on Wednesday for the introduction of contraband at the Demens Landing boat ramp at 12:40 p.m. and taken to the Pinellas County Jail without incident.

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# Judge Suspends License of Attorney Charged in Jennifer Dulos Case

## *News*

A judge has temporarily suspended the law license of the attorney charged for his alleged role in the Jennifer Dulos homicide, a court ruling Tuesday indicated.

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# North Dakota Lawyer Files \$6M

# Lawsuit Against Judge and Police

## *News*

Henry H. Howe, 78, a longtime defense attorney in Grand Forks, has filed a lawsuit against one judge, one sheriff's deputy and two special agents with the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

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# Indiana Lawyer Faces DUI Charges After Announcing Candidacy

## *News*

An Indiana attorney was arrested early Thursday on drunken driving charges shortly after announcing his candidacy for the state Legislature.

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# Former BigLaw Office Manager Accused of Using Firm's Credit Card for Spending

# Spree

## *News*

Federal prosecutors allege that a former Morrison & Foerster office operations manager spent more than \$400,000 on the firm's credit card to make personal purchases.

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## **Johnson & Johnson's \$8 Billion Risperdal Judgment Reduced to \$6.8 Million**

## *News*

The judge presiding over a case which saw Johnson & Johnson hit with an \$8bn jury verdict has reduced the amount the company has to pay in damages to \$6.8m.

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## **Man Serving Life Gets New Trial After Attorney Described as Racist**

## *News*

Ezzard Charles Ellis learned, "after his lawyer's death, that the attorney was a racist who regularly expressed contempt for minority clients."



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# Michael Avenatti Is Now Being Held in Same Chilly Cell That Housed El Chapo

## *News*

Avenatti was put in the most secure section of the federal facility under special administrative measures designed to cut off his communications with the outside world.