

## **2000 Events: What Occurred, An Explanation of The Truth**

In order to explain what occurred in my career in 2000. I need to go back to 1994, at which time I was introduced to 2 clients whose families I knew for many years prior. Two sons had recently resolved certain legal complications involving marijuana distribution and were now turning their lives around. They came to my office for assistance in setting up their Family Trust and business entity for the same of hearing aids in Florida. I assisted them in a legal capacity by establishing their Family Trust and Florida LLC (limited liability company). After this time the two clients moved to Florida and I did not hear from them or about them until 1999 at which time I was contacted by the Florida legal authorities concerning alleged illegal activities being conducted by these two individuals, ie distribution of marijuana. For the reward, which can verify by independent third parties and licensed attorneys, I did not and do not involve myself in any recreation use of marijuana or alcohol (or any other drug), I have not been to Florida at any time during this period in question and I was not at any time involved in any of these illegal activities.

What did occur and how I did get pulled into the case is as follows. In 1998, the US government contacted me regarding my knowledge and involvement with these 2 clients. Specifically the government authorities requested any files in my possession for these 2 individuals. The government agents did not have a subpoena and I refused to disclose or turn over any confidential client file, believing that an attorney-client privilege of confidentiality existed between these 2 clients and my law firm (to this day, I still believe this is correct). Instead, what I did was deliver the files to the parents of my 2 clients, who were now incarcerated in Florida on allegations of marijuana distribution. By the time the government agents returned to my office with a legal and proper form of a subpoena, I no longer had the files in my possession. I was also required to appear in the Florida court with the documents or explain why I did not have them any longer. My argument was that the clients had a constitutional right to attorney client privilege of confidentiality (4<sup>th</sup> Amendment Due Process). I was represented by an attorney of the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union).

Things did not go well and definitely not as planned. The judge stated “I am God in this courtroom and what I say is law... not matter what!” Needless to say the judge was extremely angry with my actions and things went downhill from there.

I was charged with contempt of court (even though there was no court document restricting me from returning the files to my clients family), I was able to defend and defeat most of the courtroom charges. This continued on for years, until 2001. At this time I also developed some physical ailments. All that was left in this case was one alleged account of money laundering. For the record, I never handled nor saw any money. All activities were in Florida and I never was in Florida and I never was in Florida at any time doing this time frame. But the government argued that because I did not turn over the files as they requested, they were not able to find any money involving these alleged activities. Therefore they believed my actions in refusing to turn over the files and instead returning the files to the family members instead precipitated the illegal cash activities and constituted money laundering.

Three big mistakes I made and I own:

1. I should have refused to represent these 2 clients in the first instance, although I sincerely believed that they had turned their lives around in 1996-1998.
2. I should have obtained better legal advice rather than the five legal services offered by the ACLU
3. I should have cooperated with the government instead of holding my ground in protecting my clients' legal rights (although I must admit I am somewhat proud that I did).

I genuinely liked these 2 clients and their families and believed they were operating a legal business. I was never aware of their illegal activities in Florida until 1998 when the government agents approached me for the first time. I should have realized the potential consequences of my actions to me, my career and most importantly, to my family and reputation.

I am not writing this narrative to excuse to my conduct. God knows, I paid dearly for my mistakes and indiscretions. I never spent any time in jail and was fined only Three Hundred (\$300) dollars for filing fees. But the harm to my name devastating. I love helping people and receiving a genuine thank you in appreciation for our efforts in helping others during times of crisis. I now, and have always remained involved in the law (although I never handle money at any time). If given the opportunity I can and am more than willing, in fact I invited the opportunity to substantiate these statements and facts set forth in this statement.

I thank you for your willingness to take the time to read this statement; and for my clients working with me in The Reidhead Law Group and ALTA Estate Services, LLC, I sincerely appreciate the opportunity you extended planning needs. I know for certainty that I have not let you down.

Thank you all, for your support and I continue my commitment that I made and again make to each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. I will never let you down.