

No Prison Time for Four W&L Clients Sentenced on White Collar Charges by Four Different Federal Judges

Des Moines, IA (May 2015) -- Over the course of a few months, four Weinhardt & Logan clients were sentenced on white collar criminal charges by four different federal judges, and the clients collectively served zero days in prison. Every client received a sentence less than incarceration.

In *United States v. Bartleson* (N.D. Iowa), the client pled guilty to embezzlement from an IRA plan. The government requested a sentence of at least 10 months' imprisonment. In February 2015, following a contested sentencing hearing, Judge Mark Bennett imposed a sentence of probation and supervised release.

In *United States v. Hingorani* (S.D. Iowa), the firm's client pled guilty to one count of wire fraud and one count of major program fraud, both of which arose from work that the client performed for the VA under a preferred contracting program. The government claimed the loss amount exceeded \$23 million and argued for a term of imprisonment. In March 2015, following a two-day sentencing hearing, Judge Stephanie Rose imposed a sentence of six months' stay in a halfway house followed by supervised release.

In *United States v. Long* (S.D. Iowa), the client was sentenced for unlawful possession of stolen property, specifically a cargo load of pre-cooked bacon. The government requested incarceration as punishment. In April 2015, Judge James Gritzner imposed a sentence of probation and supervised release.

In *United States v. Hogan* (S.D. Iowa), the firm's client pled guilty to a false statement charge that arose from a wide-ranging mortgage fraud investigation. In May 2015, Chief Judge John Jarvey adopted the parties' joint recommendation of a sentence of probation only.

“Sentencing hearings are a form of advocacy all to itself, and our firm takes pride in its abilities in that forum,” said Mark Weinhardt, commenting on the firm’s recent results. “While we strive to avoid criminal consequences for our clients, that result is not always achievable. In those cases the highest value we can provide is to mitigate and minimize the disruptions to the lives of our clients and the people who depend on them.”

About Weinhardt & Logan, P.C.

Weinhardt & Logan is a boutique law firm that specializes in the litigation of complex civil and criminal cases. The firm has extensive experience in all types of civil and criminal matters, but its attorneys concentrate their practices in complex business disputes and the defense of white collar criminal matters. The firm practices in federal and state courts in Iowa and across the United States.

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