

News Release

Criminal Investigation of Manufacturing Company Terminated

(April 11, 2013) The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Iowa notified Weinhardt & Logan this week that it was terminating a criminal investigation of a northwest Iowa manufacturing company with no criminal charges being filed. Weinhardt & Logan had represented the company since a search warrant was executed at the company's premises in October 2012. Federal agents were investigating allegations of fraud in connection with the company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The firm defended the company and its majority owner with regard to the investigation and contended that no crime had been committed by anyone. After a little more than six months — a very short period for a complex white collar investigation — the prosecutors notified Weinhardt & Logan that they were closing their file on this case and returning the documents taken in the search warrant.

“Some of our biggest victories occur quietly and outside of the courtroom,” said Mark Weinhardt, who led the firm's defense of the manufacturing concern. “We were thrilled that we were able to quickly remove the cloud that hovered over this major employer in a rural community.”