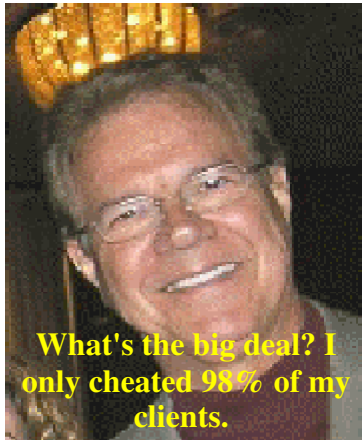


Is ex-California attorney Ron Lais an Ethical Leper?



Ron Lais is likely the most dishonest attorney to have practiced law in California in the last three or four decades. He has cheated clients all over the U.S. and in several foreign countries. He is to say the least an "equal opportunity crook."

To my knowledge, Lais is the only lawyer that I know of that made the front page of the *Wall Street Journal* because of his sordid record of dishonesty and of defrauding various clients. Put simply, Lais dedicated his career to the total rejection of legal ethics. I suspect that Lais may well have graduated scum laude from the Huey Long School of Ethics at Louisiana Tech University.

I first became aware of Ronnie's egregious misconduct when Rachel Wilson, one of his many, many victims contacted me in late 1999 or early 2000. At the time, Ronnie was falsely advertising himself as an attorney on the Internet. Rachel contacted him about a child custody matter and Ron demanded a \$5,000 retainer, which Rachel unfortunately forwarded on to him. Shortly thereafter she discovered that Ron had been suspended by the California Supreme Court and had no lawful right to practice law.

When she demanded that Ron return the \$5,000 he basically told her to take a hike. Subsequently, the California Bar Victim's Fund repaid the \$5,000 to Rachel after concluding that Ron had defrauded her.

Subsequently, I posted an article on my website exposing Ron's egregious misconduct. Ron then filed a sham lawsuit against me in Orange County (does he file any other kind?) claiming that my article (a) caused him to lose clients, (b) harmed his reputation, and (c) caused him emotional distress.

Ron's claim that his reputation could be harmed is of course preposterous as is his claim of suffering mental anguish/distress due to my outing him on my website. One needs to have a conscience in order to suffer mental distress, something that Ron clearly lacks. Moreover, why didn't Ron sue the *Wall Street Journal* or the *San Francisco Chronicle* when they wrote about his corrupt practices?

Ronnie's threatening e-mails

Shortly after I began to expose Ronnie's egregious misconduct, he sent me several e-mails (13 on one day), which contained direct and/or implied threats as you'll see below.

- "By the way, I found some guys in Dayton who will take real good care of your house while your in California."
- "Someday, somebody is going to have enough of your bullshit, and you will turn up missing. I can't say that I will be sad when that happens. You are playing with fire, my friend."
- "What Palmer doesn't realize is that I am probably the one guy in the world who has the strength, determination, and resolve to put him away permanently. He is definitely picking on the wrong person "

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- "Just let me know where you're going to be, Big Guy! [I have some surprises for you that I want to deliver personally.](#)"
- "I want you to remember just a few things. I am brighter, smarter, and more aggressive than you are. [Eventually, I will kick your ass](#), one way or another."
- "[Do you mind if I drop by your house one day soon?](#) I'd love to have a chat with you face to face?"
- "Speaking of which, how is Angie? Do you plan to visit her in Sacramento soon?"
- "Send me a picture of yourself-please."
- "Oh good! Let's do lunch! Where exactly is Ok Sun (disabled wife) right now?"
- "What's your flight number?"

Letters to Ronnie

On Oct. 24, 2000, I wrote a letter to Ron on the Committee to Expose Dishonest and Incompetent Attorney and Judges stationery, which contained the following comments.

- Just received a copy of your hyperbolic letter to Judge Poole dated 10-20-00, which you assert is in response to my letter of 10-19-00 to the judge. Your suggestion that I'm confused about you is specious at best. The only thing about you that is confusing, is why you have not been criminally indicted for the various frauds you've perpetrated on unwitting and uninformed victims. Obviously, you were able to dupe a majority of them through your so-called advertising on the Internet.
- Your assertions that I'm a fanatic and terrorist as seen on television in the Middle East is further proof of your innate ability to engage in hyperbole. Your record of misconduct is a sad commentary on the state of the legal profession in California. Obviously, you should have been disbarred many years ago. This a record you made, not me Mr. Lais. I am merely a messenger who is engaged in telling the truth in order to limit your victim pool in the future.
- You have many, many brothers and sisters in the legal profession throughout the country that are just as despicable as you are. You are to put it kindly, just one of many ethical dwarfs and midgets who have spent a lifetime preying on an unsuspecting public.
- If I am able to save just one person from becoming another victim of your misconduct, then my time will have been well spent.

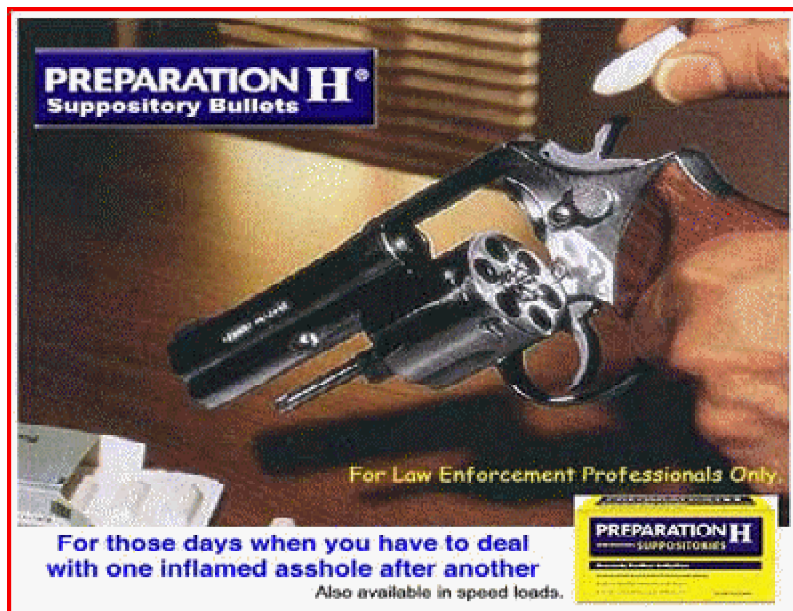
"Charmin Ron"

Frank Mickadeit, columnist for the *Orange County Register* refers to Lais as "Charmin Ron." I haven't spoken with Mr. Mickadeit; however, I'm going to assume that the moniker "Charmin" really has something to do with toilet paper. An unreliable source provided me with a photo of the toilet paper that Lais made available to his clients (aka, "victims") at his office in Anaheim. Looks a little rough to me, how about you?



Ron refuses to soften impact on his victims

The number of people who have been victimized by Ron over the past twenty-five years will never be known. When most unethical attorneys have the courtesy to at least take some kind of remedial action to lessen the impact on their victim-clients, Ronnie has refused to so act. I am at a loss to understand why Ronnie didn't utilize the equipment below to rectify (pun intended) the damages he visited on so many unwitting victims.

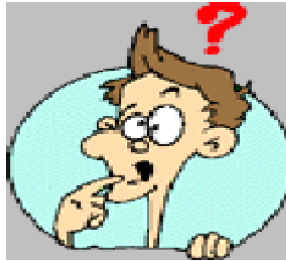


Ron criminally charged with 29 felonies

Ron was charged with 28 felony counts of practicing law without a license (aka, "impersonating a lawyer") and one misdemeanor count of impersonating a lawyer. Had the Orange County DA been aware of all of Ron's victims, it is likely that the felony counts would have easily reached triple figures.

On July 5, 2011, Ron awaited criminal trial before in Orange County Superior Court. Ron is charged

On July 5, Lais' long awaited criminal trial began in Orange County Superior Court. Ron is charged with 29 felony counts of "impersonating a lawyer." I've spoken to several of Ron's victims (he calls them clients) in the past, and it was pretty obvious to me that he does a lousy impersonation of a lawyer. In fact, one of them sent me a caricature of Ronnie after they visited his office.



Ron's conduct in impersonating a lawyer reminds me of that ol' ditty by The Platters titled "The Great Pretender," which went something like this.

- Oh-oh, yes I'm the great pretender
 - Pretending that I'm really swell
- My need is such I pretend too much
 - I'm crooked but no one can tell
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- Oh-oh, yes I'm the great pretender
 - Adrift in a world of my own
- I've played the game but to my real shame
 - You've left me to grieve all alone
-
- To real is this feeling of make-believe
- Too real when I feel what the DA has revealed
 -
 - Yes, I'm the great pretender
 - Just laughin and gay like a clown
 - I seem to be what I'm not, you see
 - I'm wearing my cuffs like a crown
- Pretending that they're still around (victims)

Ron's defense to the multiple felony counts for impersonating a lawyer (aka, "practicing law without a license") is idiotic in every sense of the word. He has the chutzpah to claim that at \$300 an hour he is merely "advising" clients on behalf of an attorney that he has selected for a little "Laisism" (aka, "the client-shaft").

Criminal defendant Ronnie forgoes jury trial

After he discovered that the judge would rule against the limited jury pool that his lawyer submitted to the Court, defendant Ron opted to have his criminal trial heard by a judge. An unreliable source provided me with a photo of the jury that Ron intended to use at his criminal trial.



Ronnie's victims not doing well

Recent photos I anonymously received certainly indicate that certain members of Ronnie's "victim pool" are not doing to well.



Future employment opportunities for Ronnie

Now that Ronnie can no longer dispense his unethical and incompetent brand of lawyering/consulting on unsuspecting victims, he will (after serving time) have to find a new line of employment. I suppose he could apply for a job as a greeter at Wal-Mart. And of course there's always Barber School. If I was Ron, I wouldn't tell Wal-Mart I used to be a lawyer because their greeters are required to possess high ethical standards.



Will Ronnie do well at Folsom?

Hopefully, when Ronnie is sentenced to the maximum allowed under the law (his victims deserve it), the judge will send him to Folsom. Anything less would be an affront to the sea of victims that Mr. Lais so cheerfully defrauded over the past twenty-five years.

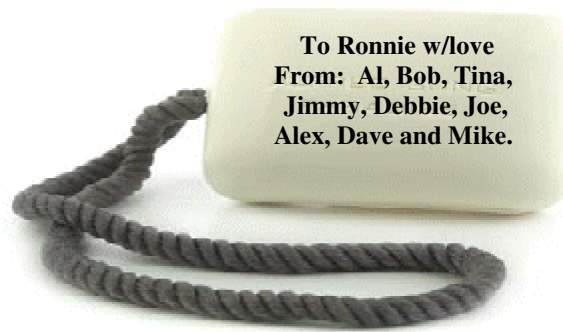
You can call it white-collar crime if you like; however, the sentences imposed on Lais' victims as a result of his outrageous conduct demands that he be sent to Folsom, Vacaville or a like institution.

I'm sure Ronnie will attempt to become the quintessential "jailhouse lawyer" upon his arrival at Folsom. Hopefully, the warden will warn the residents that Ronnie's legal expertise isn't worth much.



Victim gift for Ronnie's stay at Folsom

Amazingly, some of Ronnie's victims pooled their money to provide him with a gift that I think may well be quite useful when he arrives at Folsom.



Conclusion

Over the past fifteen years, I have spent thousands of hours investigating the misconduct of attorneys and judges throughout the US and several other countries. During this ongoing investigation I reviewed the conduct of several thousand lawyers and judges.

My years long investigation (ongoing) of over 150 retired visiting judges in Ohio led me to review thousands of pages of public records, which included payroll and travel expense reports. That investigation confirmed that over 35% of the judges were consistently bilking Ohioans by making claims for work never performed and/or for travel expenses never incurred.

My investigation of the justices of the Ohio Supreme Court revealed that they were and are engaged in (a) violating IRS Rules on reporting personal income [1993-2004], (b) underreporting or failing to report personal income to the IRS, State of Ohio and local tax authorities for income earned from personal use of state cars and fuel, (c) unlawful use of state cars and fuel for political campaign activities, and (d) filing false annual financial ethics disclosure statements.

I have also uncovered illegal campaign expense violations by 30-40 legislators and judges in Texas and will be filing ethics complaints against them shortly.

However, I must admit that Mr. Lais ranks (and he is rank) as one of the most corrupt lawyers I have ever investigated. It is indeed unfortunate that it took the California Supreme Court over ten years before Lais' license was suspended despite the fact that numerous complaints were filed and/or pending shortly after he obtained his law license.

Unfortunately, the self-serving system (we investigate our own) that claims it is in business to protect consumers (California Bar Court) is in reality more concerned with protecting its own than the victims of attorney misconduct. To be fair to the California Bar Court, it's sad record is no different than that of it's cohorts in the other 49 states.

Limiting the review of attorney and/or judicial misconduct to lawyers and/or judges assures that the process is biased in favor of wrongdoers. Such a system would be akin to limiting jury pools in child molestation cases to convicted pedophiles. Pedophile verdicts would be a forgone conclusion, which is exactly the case with the California Bar, et al.

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in the event that Lais is convicted - and that's a big "if" - since he's being tried by a lawyer who just happens to be donning a robe, then he should receive the maximum sentence. And, the sentence for each felony conviction should be served consecutively and not concurrently. The sentencing judge needs to send a message to all future Lais clones and those of his ilk that the punishment for this type of felonious conduct will not be severe.

David Palmer