

The Rothstein Firm Manufactured Cases to Sell

A case was filed today in Florida State Court by Jeffrey Epstein, the Palm Beach Billionaire accused of soliciting underage girls, against embattled ex-lawyer Scott Rothstein and some of his former partners at Rothstein Rosenfeldt and Adler, P.A.

The case presents a rare window into the various machinations and abuse of the legal system engaged in by the RRA firm., the complaint alleges that the firm misappropriated funds from unsuspecting investors to fabricate from thin facts in what could be highly emotionally charged cases that could be brought or threatened against wealthy defendants. Rothstein and RRA could then use anonymous filings, protective orders, and un-checked discovery tactics in those cases as an integral part of their scheme. They would entice unsuspecting investors with the prospect lending against large settlements, which they would claim were accomplished under the radar, as a married executive might not want his wife to know about an office affair, or an invented contactor had been desperate to protect itself from a potentially devastating whistleblower suit. Confidentiality agreements, and other various fraudulent documents would then be used to further these illicit goals.

The investor was told that Jeffrey Epstein got a sweetheart deal. Rothstein and RRA would display a copy of Epstein's deal with the government, that RRA gone to court to have unsealed, to show investors that the "big fish", as the Epstein cases was described, had already agreed to settle cases. However, they needed a plaintiff that could be readily manipulated to create a case that would pass a frivolous suit attack.

The Epstein cases were perfect. In September 07, the government had required Epstein to waive liability to a list of unnamed girls, girls whose names would not even be given to Epstein until after he was incarcerated.. Rothstein and partners could use the fact that the girls were unnamed and claim that they represented many of these unnamed girls. IN may of 08 ,months after the deal was signed they found three girls, , and they were able to have at least one of the girls unilaterally added to the government's list.

Funded by "investors", Rothstein and partners found women that had been to Epstein's house, "no matter what your history , claim that Epstein is responsible for all of your troubles If the women were questioned under oath, they were counseled to hide behind the right of clients not to be forced to divulge confidential (attorney/client privileged) information, or as it happened, if the questions got too close to the truth, they were instructed to claim their fifth amendment right against self-incrimination (this happened over forty times at the deposition of the first of RRA's clients).

As Rothstein's fraud was unraveling, RRA sent a retired but disgraced police officer, representing himself as law enforcement personnel, to interview a myriad of famous people believed associated with Epstein. Brad Edwards filed a suit under the name of Jane Doe, claiming that his now 22 year-old client needed anonymity, and sought and obtained a no contact order from the judge, insulating the client from anyone that might want to speak with her out of earshot of her attorney. All that was needed was to secure

investors to fund investigators, experts, and travel expenses of the attorneys, in exchange for the promise of large guaranteed returns.

However during deposition, the plaintiffs admitted that they had been call girls and strippers since the age of 15. They had worked at various massage parlors, strip clubs, and escort services and one admitted to keeping a record of the payment of her Johns' fees in a lined book masquerading as a bible. This plaintiff changed her sworn testimony given to the FBI before she had met the RRA attorney Edwards , that Epstein was an "awesome man" that never did anything improper to her , to "I was abused". She claimed not to want money , only justice, though she did admit to having intercourse with many, many men, but not even once with Epstein.

Protected from a defamation claim by the act of actually filing a lawsuit, protected from investigation by the attorney/client privilege, and protected from stray questions of RRA's clients by a no contact order from the court, RRA was free to call the press, in violation of local ethics rules. RRA was free to get its clients on television, admittedly behind a screen to protect the Jane Doe from unwanted scrutiny. It was free to subpoena friends and employees of Epstein to depositions for hours on end.

The federal government is now trying to unravel Rothstein's looting of investors, maybe even the trust accounts of the firm, and will need to determine who else was in on the schemes. As with Madoff's case, it appears unlikely that this will be revealed to be the work of only one man.