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PRISON CONSULTANTS ARE THEY WORTH THE PRICE?

Prison Consultants charge future inmates substantial fees to prepare first time felons for their prison terms. The proliferation of this business is due in part to felons like Bernie Madoff who has been fodder for TV and print media speculating on whether he'll have it rough—one such consultant said on CNN that Madoff is likely to be "Offed"—or easy—one prominent lawyer said on ABC-TV that Madoff won the lottery of prisons by being designated to the Federal Medical Center at Butner, NC.

In fact, such speculation is done solely to promote the consultant and doesn't provide factual information as to what really happens in prison. Most first time inmates are most fearful of being raped or beaten and despite

that reality, more inmates die or become ill because of poor medical care than in all the prison rapes, reported or not.

It is generally known that white collar inmates in the federal system don't have to watch their backs in relationship to violence. But they do have to be on heightened alert for disease, illness and injury because any of the above can and often do result in issues which endure long after their prison terms expire.

It is this kind of information, if disseminated properly, that makes every penny paid for the prison coach a necessary investment. "Pre-dental care prior to surrender, will save thousands in post prison dental costs", said Mark Nissenbaum of the Crimi-



nal Defense Law Center. "Having cavities filled, crowns fixed and bridges and implants repaired beforehand is critical because it won't happen once the inmate is inside."

It's this kind of information that makes a consultant's fee worthwhile. There are concrete issues and decisions that must be made prior to surrender which provide economic benefits to both the inmate and their families. If such issues are addressed, then yes, the consultants are more than worth the price.

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Special points of interest:

- *More inmates suffer from poor medical care than from violence.*
- *Like any business consultant, fees should be measured against the information given which will save costs in the long run..*
- *Prison Consultants need to focus on the client rather than their TV persona.*

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WILL BERNIE MADOFF BE PUNISHED?

What Bernie Madoff won't get is fairness and common sense when it comes to life in prison, which may be his greatest punishment. He'll quickly learn the guard's mantra "You ain't got nuthin' comin'." His senses will continuously be abused by stu-

pidity and inanity from guards and inmates alike. He'll quickly learn that he's not better than anyone else, but he is different. After all, he's Bernie Madoff, the most notorious financial criminal in our life time.

If one believes in an afterlife,

then FMC Butner is surely purgatory as he'll be there until a decision is made upon death whether he'll rise or fall in the hereafter.

It's just a hunch, but we expect that decision long before his 11/14/2139 release date.

FAIRNESS IN SENTENCING—NOT!

Former NY State Senator Vincent Fumo received 4 1/2 yrs in federal prison for misusing \$2.4 million in taxpayer’s money. His secretary received 23 mnths probation for embezzling \$17,000 from Dickinson Twp funds.

Conversely, Joseph L Moore, in a car with three men tried to purchase \$6,000 of crack cocaine from a police informant. He received a hard, 20 year sentence.

Moore isn’t an innocent, he bragged about his drug dealing on YouTube, but the disparity is not lost on this author.

“How do you reconcile (someone) who possesses or sells crack cocaine and receives a 20 year sentence in a federal penitentiary with the sentence that Fumo received?” asked Harrisburg lawyer Brian Perry.

“How is that justice when a senator convicted of 137 felony counts receives a sentence below the guidelines range”, Perry asked. “It sends a message that the system isn’t fair and that everyone is not treated equally and unfortunately, many people feel that way.

Another crack defendant, a 32 year old

father of five received 17 1/2 yrs in federal prison after possessing 54 grams of crack valued at \$5,000. His sentence was enhanced because he had 5 prior drug convictions.

Corporate Lawyer William Platt was amazed when we told him of the disparities. “You mean that a guy in a \$5,000 victimless deal got almost 4 times longer than the guy who stole from thousands from thousands of citizens?”

Yes, Mr. Platt, we do mean that. And it happens every day in courts where criminal legislators receive sentences far below guidelines.

TESTIMONIAL FROM A FORMER INMATE

**You Wrote about Medical Care in Prison?
What are You nuts?**

There ain’t any.

I remember severely spraining my ankle. It was difficult to get into bed..I mean up to bed. I was on crutches, but my request for a lower bed was denied; they looked at me as if I was psychotic. Do you know what it’s like to have to urinate in the middle of the night? You can’t put a foot on the lower bunk..that’s a prison no-no.

PIC’s piece on medical care was accurate. I

forgot about guys like the Samoan. Will he ever walk straight again? And that jogger who was hit buy the truck driven by the midget guard. The lieutenant was standing over him yelling at him to get up.

This piece should be mandatory reading before anyone goes to prison. *Paul Levine.*

Medical abuse in prison is endless, but the purpose is to alert future inmates to the dangers and weaknesses to better be able to handle their care for the duration of their sentence.

The best way to take care of yourself or

*“Lascite ogni speranza voi
ch’entrate!”
“Abandon Hope!
All ye who enter here!”
—Dante*

loved one is to read PIC detailed, Insider Report on Medical Care in Prison. As the man said, “There ain’t any”, but there are ways to survive.

FROM YALE TO JAIL-STAYING OUT OF PRISON

From Yale to Jail, White Collar Crime/Staying Out of Prison is now available on the PIC website.

Written by Philip Seymour, the pen name of a former inmate at four federal prisons, the book’s goal is to make sure the reader fully comprehends the implications of their corporate actions. White



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Collar Crime prevention is mandatory today since criminal charges, often broad based code violations like mail, wire and bank fraud, plus the ever ubiquitous conspiracy, are easy violations from which the government can manufacture charges for almost any

any corporate misallocation. Reading From Yale to Jail just might be the cheapest insurance to staying out of prison anyone will ever find.

American’s need to remember two facts: One, that 98% of all federal indictments wind up in conviction and two, we have 2.4 million in prison while China has only 1.5. Read more in the From Yale to Jail excerpt and then from the entire edition, only available on the PIC website; www.prisoninfo.net

“I WANT TO SEE PEOPLE PROSECUTED. FRANKLY, I WANT TO SEE PEOPLE GO TO JAIL.”

Senator Patrick Leahy, (D-VT) Chairman of the US Senate Judiciary Committee angered by the explosion of financial crimes made that statement in an address to the FBI.

Financial crimes have so proliferated that organizations like the Criminal Defense Law Center, which were founded to help people get fair trials and sentences, have re-focused their business model to create white collar crime prevention workshops.

Last year there were 38 FBI fraud investigation cases of major corporations and banks. Now there are 2400. According to Paul Le-

vine of the CDLC, there are two groups that will be leading the pack to criminal prosecutions. “Those that intentionally break laws and those who live in a bubble believing they’re doing nothing wrong.

The drug business is a \$60 billion industry, but in 2008, it is estimated that white collar crime exceeded \$1.2 trillion. Companies are being decimated by borderline practices that shouldn’t rise to criminal levels but such practices are perceived as such by an angry public.

The public lost \$5 trillion in net worth and they’ll be looking for heads on the chopping



block. We’ve seen more executives flaunting convention with inane business theories hoping they won’t get caught.

Too many spend too much time creating ways not to get caught when they should be focusing on sound business practices. These are the business people that Senator Leahy is talking about; they will get caught and they will go to jail.

THE “WE CAN’T MAKE THIS UP” STORIES OF THE MONTH

Fraud Isn’t Limited to Big Business

A 2 year corruption and international money-laundering investigation stretching from the Jersey Shore to Brooklyn to Israel and Switzerland culminated in charges against 44 people on Thursday, including **3 New Jersey mayors, 2 state assemblymen and 5 rabbis.**

The charges include illegal sales of body parts; furtive negotiations in diners, parking lots and boiler rooms; nervous jokes about “patting down” a man who turned out to indeed be an informant; and,

the passing of cash, once in a box of Apple Jacks cereal stuffed with \$97,000.

Inmate sues claiming that NASCAR put him in prison

An inmate claims that NASCAR influenced him to drive more than 135 mph on public streets and land him in jail. This addiction also caused him to fraudulently use credit cards to purchase NASCAR advertised products such as Viagra. He goes on to say that Jeff Gordon’s Dupont sponsorship poisoned him and may cause him to die in prison.

Ain’t Congress Grand

Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS) introduced a bill to prohibit the cross-breeding of animals with humans. Huh?

Many are excited about this bill as it will eliminate the need to carry dangerous weapons or manufacture silver bullets, which we all know is the only way to kill werewolves. There’s been no comment from Rob Schneider who cloned himself in the movie The Animal.

THE FIGHT AGAINST PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT AND INADEQUATE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS

Attorneys for an accused embezzler accused federal prosecutors of manipulating documents and withholding evidence in the case of Mr. Darui, who is accused of embezzling \$435,000 from the Islamic Center of Washington, D.C.

The prosecutors denied wrongdoing and a judge has not ruled on the defense’s charges. But a rash cases led many defense lawyers and Attorney General Holder to question whether some prosecutors are out of control and driven by the urge to win at the expense of justice.

“I expect them to play hard, but I expect them to play fair,” said John Wesley Hall, the outgoing President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. “But some of them seem to think they are above the rules and can do what ever they want.”

The charges of prosecutorial abuse range far and wide: from an otherwise nondescript gun-possession case in Boston to such headline-grabbing cases as the Duke lacrosse rape investigation and the perjury trap set for baseball star Barry Bonds.

One defense lawyer said the first thing a visitor sees in the offices of the Justice Department’s Public Integrity Section are headlines from the cases the unit has won tacked to a bulletin board.

Notwithstanding these very public cases, the real misconduct takes place every day in every courtroom because defense attorneys haven’t had the temerity to fight an evil that puts 98% of all federal indictees in prison.

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“If the government, police and prosecutors could always be trusted to do the right thing, there never would have been the need for a Bill of Rights”

—US v US District Court-Central Dist. Of CA
858 F2d 534 (9th Cir, 1988)

- WE CAN GET YOU COPIES OF ‘INDICTMENTS, BAIL AGREEMENTS, J&Cs AND PLEA AGREEMENTS
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- WHAT THE PRISONS WON’T TELL YOU ABOUT USING THE TELEPHONE
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PIC QUOTES OF THE MONTH

“In the United States, history tells us that the prison system was, in some ways built on a moral vision of the human person and society—one that combined a spiritual rekindling with punishment and correction.

But along the way, this vision has too often been lost. The evidence surrounds us; sexual and physical abuse among inmates and sometimes by corrections officers, gang violence, racial division, the absence of educational opportunities and treatment programs, the increasing use of isolation units and society’s willingness to sentence children to adult prisons—all contributing to a high rate of recidivism.

Our society seems to prefer punishment

to rehabilitation and retribution to restoration thereby indicating a failure to recognize prisoners as human beings.”

—**Catholic Bishops of America**

“So you’re saying the whole rigmarole of courts and juries is a farce?”

“A highly successful, long running farce that provides lucrative employment for otherwise useless citizens who act the parts of detectives, solicitors, barristers and judges.”

—**Jackdaws , Ken Follet**

“Today, left to political whims, we’re losing both sides of this issue. The freedom to be free from criminal harm and the freedom to be free from government

persecution in the name of law and order.”

—**Abuse of Trust , Phillip Seymour**

“Crime is contagious. If the government becomes the law breaker, it breeds contempt for laws; it invites every man to become a law unto himself. But a lawless government invites anarchy. To declare that in the administration of the criminal law, the end justifies the means—to declare that the government may commit crimes in order to secure the conviction of a private criminal—would bring terrible retribution.”

—**Justice William Brandeis**

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