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Fire Investigations

FEMA Coffee Break Training - Fire Investigation Series:

Fire/Arson and Explosion Investigation Curriculum: The Scientific Method Applied to Fire and Explosion Investigation

www.usfa.fema.gov

Arson Trials

Gay Overland Arson Trial

Follow the course of this Canadian arson prosecution for a series of fires and alleged fraud that took place between 2005 and 2011 including five counts of arson, three counts of fraud over \$5,000 and one count each of uttering a forged document and counselling another person to commit arson.

Accused alleges elaborate setup led to undercover evidence against her

www.saultstar.com/2014/02/24/accused-in-arson-trial-alleges-elaborate-setup-led-to-undercover-evidence-against-her

Overland denies forging insurance documents as trial continues

www.saultstar.com/2014/02/25/overland-denies-forging-insurance-documents-as-trial-continues

Arson accused faces cross-examination

www.saultstar.com/2014/02/27/arson-accused-faces-cross-examination

Arson accused denies bad blood with ex-husband

www.saultstar.com/2014/03/03/arson-accused-denies-bad-blood-with-ex-husband

Case Law

LEANDER LAND & LIVESTOCK, INC. V. AMERICAN ECONOMY

Court discusses three different answers, under oath, to the same question concerning whether the Building was vacant prior to the Fire. The Court held that the witness failed to provide an "explanation, reasonable or otherwise" for the "clear and unambiguous inconsistencies" between her representations concerning the Building's tenancy.

scholar.google.com

News/Interest

Arson, vandalism plague Cape Breton communities

"You may pay anywhere from \$5,000 to \$8,000 for it — are insured for well over \$250,000, \$300,000. Part of the problem being, at one time, insurance companies would come out and look at the properties being insured and companies from away out west are now insuring these properties and never ever see them,"

www.cbc.ca

County Hires Special Arson Prosecutor

Palm Beach State Attorney Dave Aronberg and members of Fire Rescue welcomed newly appointed Special Designated Arson Prosecutor Marcus with an arson demonstration.

www.palmbeachpost.com

Associate Member Profile

Ulmer & Berne LLP - A full-service firm with over 185 attorneys, Ulmer & Berne LLP maintains four offices across the Midwest. The firm's Insurance Coverage Group has a vast understanding of the increasingly complex claims and issues regularly impacting insurers, including construction defects, concurrent causation, intentional conduct, fraud, bad faith "set-ups" and allocation of losses. Ulmer & Berne's attorneys regularly handle fraudulent arson and theft claims, coverage disputes, coverage opinions, and bad faith punitive damage claims. Having represented insurers for more than 50 years and maintaining one of the premier insurance and fire litigation practices in the Midwest, Ulmer & Berne attorneys regularly assist insurers in handling claims from inception through successful conclusion. They regularly supervise fire scene investigations, conduct examinations under oath, and prosecute and defend coverage litigation matters. The firm has a long standing history of shaping laws concerning insurance and arson matters, having been involved in many of the leading insurance cases across Ohio and the Midwest. Additionally, the firm has attorneys that are Certified Fire and Explosion Investigators.

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