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Events

2014 ICAC Webinar Series: Top 5 Arson Cases



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Arson Cases in 2014: The Top 5 Critical Cases Claims Personnel Should Know

Presented by Gerald T. Albrecht

There are a plethora of arson cases decided every year and it can be time consuming to follow each ruling. These cases can contradict others and may be decided based on the specifics of a particular jurisdiction. But, there are 5 Critical Cases claims personnel should know. These cases are the basics and the building blocks for all the others.

- The basic elements of the intentional burning defense in civil litigation.
• The basic evidentiary standards for the admissibility of expert testimony in an arson case.
• The standards for the Concealment and Fraud defense.
• The courts' treatment of NFPA 921 and;
• The interplay of criminal and civil arson cases.

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Fire Investigations

Man with loan to finance Macedonia casino charged with arson

A Waukesha County man who got an Oconomowoc bank to finance his Macedonia casino project has been charged with arson in the fire that destroyed his pricey lakeside home last year.

www.jsonline.com

Caught on Tape: North Park Bar Arsonists

San Diego police released surveillance footage Thursday of two unknown men wanted in connection with breaking into a popular North Park bar and restaurant and setting fire to the property last month.

www.nbcsandiego.com

Arson Trials

Woman gets suspended sentence in arson case

A Tennessee Valley woman who admitted to setting her house on fire with her daughter inside will not be going to prison. The judge's decision has a lot to do with Easterly's state of mind.

www.waff.com

Independence man pleads guilty to \$1.2 million arson, insurance fraud conspiracy

Beginning in July 2007, the accused bought houses costing from \$6,500 to \$15,000 then used co-conspirators as straw owners for three of the houses, while other co-conspirators helped commit the arsons and/or acted as tenants so the properties could be classified as rentals.

www.justice.gov

Case Law

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. LORI HARGIS

In affirming a 60-month sentence the court stated that the district judge noted that Hargis had burned down her own children's home, inflated her insurance claim, and filed a frivolous lawsuit against her insurance company, costing the company \$100,000 in attorney's fees. The court also emphasized that Hargis's actions involved "a brazen disregard for the law, for the truth, and for the harm to others."

http://scholar.google.com

News/Interest

Police: Woman Scamming Donations for Marion Fire Victims

Families already painfully victimized after being burned out of their homes earlier this week may now be the unfortunate targets of a woman trying to rip them off

www.myfox28columbus.com

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