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Events



Be sure to save the date for the 2015 ICAC Fire & Arson Investigation Seminar, being held February 23-25 at the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Hotel in Orlando, FL.

Program and Conference information coming soon!

Fire Investigations

Blue Store Restaurant operator charged

The prosecutor requested bail be set at \$750,000 — the amount of the insurance policy paid out to the defendant for the damage of the fire.

www.registerstar.com

Arson Trials

Fatal arson at Gretna bakery sends owner to prison

A Gretna woman was sentenced to 10 years in prison Wednesday, after admitting she set her bakery on fire and accepting criminal responsibility for the death of a friend who helped her burn the business. Lesly Martinez pled guilty to negligent homicide and arson in the gasoline-fueled fire at Lesly's Bakery on June 21, 2013.

www.nola.com

Trial begins for third co-defendant in Canandaigua arson cases

According to trial testimony, the married owners allegedly approached William Bradley, Jr., who was an acquaintance, and asked him to help with the arson in the presence of his wife. The wife "...had a cooperation agreement which gave her immunity from any indictment and prosecution because she testified in grand jury and she cooperated with the police."

www.websterpost.com

Case Law

VILLARREAL v. IDS PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

In this insurance coverage dispute, plaintiffs Villarreals appealed defendant IDS Property Casualty Insurance Company's motion for summary disposition. The appeals court reversed the disposition and remanded the case in spite of the claims of failure to submit to examination under oath, delay (laches) and coverage exclusions.

<http://scholar.google.com>

News/Interest

ATF, SAFD demonstrate arson investigation for prosecutors

San Antonio and Texas prosecutors got an up close look Wednesday from the ATF at exactly what happens when a fire ignites inside a building.

www.kens5.com

Fire/Arson Reports

Georgia offers toll-free arson hotline

Since its inception in 1979, the Georgia Arson Control Board has approved 560 rewards totaling \$1,617,850. The average reward paid is \$2,889. In 2013, arsonists cause \$1.68 million in property damage in Georgia.

<http://onlineathens.com>

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