

## Crime In The Suites

An Analysis of Current Issues in White Collar Defense

# Ifrah Law's Blog Wrap-up, February 19 - March 8

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This is the third of a regular series of posts that summarize and wrap up our latest thoughts that have appeared recently on Ifrah Law's blogs.

1. Will the Internet Taint a Loughner Verdict?

Is it impossible for accused Tucson shooter Jared Lee Loughner to get a fair trial because jurors will inevitably be looking online for information about the shootings that is inadmissible in court? We think not – and we propose a workable solution to an increasingly common problem.

Read the full post here on the Crime in the Suites blog.

2. The 'Delete' Key Doesn't Help These Insider-Trading Defendants

These hedge-fund employees evidently thought that hitting the "delete" key and destroying hard drives was all they had to do to conceal their conduct. We explain why that doesn't work, and we look ahead to the next steps in a major insider-trading probe that has implicated traders at major Wall Street firms.

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3. Big Boeing Award, New Rules Won't End DOD Conflicts of Interest

After a very convoluted process, the Boeing Co. received a \$35 billion contract to build refueling tankers for the Air Force. New conflict of interest rules are in place, but we explain why the defense industry and the Pentagon will probably remain cozy.

Read the full post here on the Crime in the Suites blog.

4. Ifrah Quoted in News Outlets Coast to Coast

The Ifrah Law firm has been quoted last week in news outlets from The Washington Post and ABC News to Associated Press and a number of the country's daily newspapers. We give a quick summary of those quotes on issues relating to white-collar crime and marketing fraud.

#### Read the full post here on the Crime in the Suites blog .

5. With a Veto, N.J. Governor Stays Out of the Game

To many people's surprise, the governor of New Jersey vetoed a bill that would have permitted online gaming within his state. We explain why he did that and what the next steps are likely to be in state efforts to legalize e-gaming.

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6. Are DOJ, SEC Getting Too Cozy?

Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) has asked the SEC and the Justice Department to explain why they are sharing information about their investigations with the targets of the probes. We look into the inter-agency cooperation and conflicts and we see matters differently than the senator did.

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7. The Recession's Effect on Federal Prison Sentences

Have the recession, and the cost-cutting measures that it necessitated, led to an increase in good-time credits in the federal system in order to save taxpayer dollars? In an article published in the Los Angeles Daily Journal, we say that may be the case, and we endorse that development.

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8. FTC Cracks Down on Merchants' Empty Promises

On March 2, 2011, the FTC took the unusual step of convening a press conference, in person and online, to describe a multi-agency law enforcement initiative aimed at cracking down on misleading "work from home" and other business opportunity offers. We were among the first observers to listen and, the next day, to be in a position to describe what the FTC is up to.

Read the full post here on the FTC Beat blog.



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