



## Character Strengths in the Professions

Review the personal character strengths table and select the character strengths you feel are most important for the different professionals listed below.

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Business Professionals	





## News Report Activity: Case 1

Case 1: 'FSA prohibition of Andrew Greystoke and £400,000 fine on him and Atlantic Law LLP for aiding multi-million pound boiler room share scam'(FSA:2010).

The screenshot shows the FSA website interface. At the top left is the FSA logo. A navigation bar contains links for 'About us', 'Doing business with us', 'FSA Library', 'FSA Handbook', and 'The FSA Register'. Below the navigation bar, there is a sidebar on the left with the heading 'In this section:' and a list of categories: 'FSA Library', 'Communication documents', and 'Press Releases'. The main content area features a large heading: 'FSA prohibition of Andrew Greystoke and £400,000 fine on him and Atlantic Law LLP for aiding multi-million pound boiler room share scam upheld'. Below this heading, the reference 'FSA/PN079/2010' and the date '13 May 2010' are displayed.

The Financial Services and Markets Tribunal has upheld a Financial Services Authority (FSA) decision permanently banning Andrew Greystoke from working in any capacity in financial services and fining him and Atlantic Law LLP (Atlantic Law), an FSA-regulated law firm of which he is senior partner, a total of £400,000.

Greystoke recklessly signed off Atlantic Law's approval of 50 UK investment advertisements, between December 2005 and March 2007, issued by four unregulated Spanish stockbroking firms. He did so without taking reasonable steps to ensure that the advertisements were clear, fair and not misleading and despite having reason to doubt that the Spanish firms would deal with UK consumers in an honest and reliable way.

Greystoke accepted before the Tribunal that these Spanish firms were boiler room share scam operators. Greystoke approved their advertisements despite seeing consumer complaints and press articles clearly warning of their activities and despite negative previous experience of acting for other Spanish boiler room clients.

The advertisements offered free research reports on respectable listed companies. As Greystoke knew, the FSA had previously published warnings that this technique was commonly used by boiler rooms to obtain UK consumer telephone contact details. The advertisements approved by Greystoke were misleading because their true purpose, which the Tribunal found to have been "blindingly obvious" to Greystoke, was not to offer the free reports, but to sell shares, whose value he knew to be at least doubtful.

In fact, the Spanish companies subjected UK consumers who requested the reports, which Greystoke knew to be of poor quality, to pressurised selling of high-risk illiquid shares in unlisted small companies. UK consumers who complained to the Spanish companies were subjected to threats and blackmail.

One hundred and thirty UK consumers have complained to the FSA that they invested a total of over £3 million. The FSA believes that they will have lost much, if not all, of their investment and that many victims will not have complained with the result that, as the Tribunal found, the true loss caused by the advertisements approved by Greystoke was likely to be substantially more than £3 million.

Margaret Cole, FSA director of enforcement and financial crime, said:

"Atlantic Law and Andrew Greystoke acted recklessly, without integrity and with a complete disregard of the risks to consumers. The Tribunal's decision supports our view that firms and individuals that assist boiler room operators should be brought to task. This has been a hard-fought case into which the FSA has put significant time and resources. It will send a strong message of deterrence to other firms and individuals that may be tempted to turn a blind eye to the legitimacy of their clients in exchange for fees or commission."





## News Report Activity: Case 2

Case 2: *Class lawyer's misconduct 'fatally tainted' Amex deal* (Reuters: 2015).

Alison Frankel

### Judge: Class lawyer's misconduct 'fatally tainted' Amex deal

By Alison Frankel | August 4, 2015

**Gary Friedman** of the **Friedman Law Group** can now put a price tag on the cost of his horribly misguided decision to share privileged and confidential documents from his antitrust class action against American Express with his old friend **Keila Ravelo**, a lawyer for MasterCard in a parallel case: \$75 million.

After a ruling Tuesday by U.S. District Judge **Nicholas Garaufis** of Brooklyn, Friedman and his co-counsel in the Amex case are no longer in line for that \$75 million, which they were slated to receive for a settlement that permits merchants to impose a surcharge on customers who use Amex credit cards, as long as those retailers impose the same surcharge when consumers use other credit cards. The judge denied final approval of the settlement, finding that Friedman didn't provide class members with adequate representation.

Garaufis' ruling adds devastating details to previously bare-bones allegations about the documents Friedman gave Ravelo. As you probably recall, the misconduct first surfaced after federal prosecutors charged Ravelo with setting up a fake legal services company that she and her husband allegedly used to defraud MasterCard and two law firms where she had been a partner, **Willkie Farr & Gallagher** and **Hunton & Williams**. Willkie's internal investigation of Ravelo turned up evidence that Friedman had been sending documents from the Amex case to her, even as she defended MasterCard in a separate class action raising similar swipe-fee antitrust allegations against Visa and MasterCard.

Merchants that didn't like the terms of the Amex settlement or the \$5.7 billion settlement in the MasterCard case have argued that Friedman's disclosures tainted both deals, even though MasterCard was not a defendant in the Amex case Friedman led and Friedman wasn't lead counsel for the class suing Visa and MasterCard.

Their briefs have been heavily redacted. Judge Garaufis' opinion is not. His decision shows that Friedman gave Ravelo pretty much his entire case file: confidential Amex documents (at least 33), confidential documents from members of the class he was representing (22 of those), even his own work product, including strategy memos and emails amongst his co-counsel.

Friedman's lawyers, New York University law professor **Samuel Issacharoff** and **Theresa Trzaskoma** of **Brune & Richard**, have said he used Ravelo as an informal sounding board, to the benefit of the class. Judge Garaufis said instead that his disclosures to a lawyer for MasterCard called his loyalty to his clients into question.

"Whether Friedman exchanged confidential and/or privileged materials with Ravelo and consulted with her regarding these actions for financial reasons, out of personal loyalty, due to a misplaced sense that her advice would in fact benefit the merchant class and was not improper, and/or for some other reason(s), is something this court cannot currently, and need not, determine," he wrote. "Whatever his reason for doing so, Friedman's bringing MasterCard's counsel into the negotiating process created a conflict between class members and class counsel, and specifically a risk that Friedman, with Ravelo in his ear, negotiated settlement terms that are worse for class members than the terms he might have negotiated absent that conflict."

The judge said Friedman's co-counsel, **Reinhardt Wendorf & Blanchfield** and **Read McCaffrey**, showed their own questionable judgment by sticking with Friedman in a brief attempting to rescue the settlement, rather than acknowledging his wrongdoing. "This gives the appearance that Friedman's co-counsel may be more interested in protecting Friedman, their settlement, and their attorneys' fees application, than they are in protecting the merchant class that they purport to represent," the judge said. He removed Friedman as class counsel and ordered the other lead lawyers to submit briefs on why he shouldn't bounce them as well.





Garaufis' opinion is full of surprising revelations, like Friedman and Ravelo's plan to jointly represent merchants in arbitrations against American Express or to buy a Gulfstream jet and start an air charter business. Friedman, according to the judge, knew full well that it was wrong of him to share documents from the Amex case with Ravelo. He sent some sensitive messages to Ravelo's personal email account, rather than her work addresses, "suggesting an intention to keep the communications from being discovered," Judge Garaufis wrote. And in at least two emails to Ravelo, the judge said, Friedman wrote, "Burn after reading."

Breaching attorney client privilege might have been enough of an offense to justify a finding that Friedman did not adequately represent the merchants in the class, the judge said, "but this is not where the misconduct ends, and it does not constitute the complete story of the inadequacy of representation in this case."

That is where Judge Garaufis' opinion gets really interesting. He discusses the intersection of the now-rejected Amex settlement with merchants' \$5.7 billion settlement with MasterCard and Visa, suggesting a motive for Friedman to push for a certain provision in the MasterCard deal. Retailers with objections to the MasterCard settlement have struggled to convince the magistrate judge in their case that Friedman's improper disclosures should spend the final judgment entered against MasterCard and Visa.

Garaufis' opinion should help them hone their theory. According to the judge, the two settlements were inextricably connected, and Friedman – who assisted class counsel in the MasterCard case in negotiations on injunctive relief – had an incentive to argue for a provision in that settlement that would help him reach a deal with Amex.

The judge quoted an email from November 2011 in which Friedman told Ravelo that Amex's "fantasy resolution" of the swipe fee litigation was surcharge parity, in which merchants can tack on fees for Amex users as long as they charge the same fees when customers use Visa and MasterCard credit cards. The way to obtain that "fantasy," Friedman said, was to include a provision in the merchants' settlement with Visa and MasterCard to require a "level playing field" for such surcharges.

Friedman was in constant touch with Ravelo during MasterCard's settlement negotiations, according to Garaufis, providing her with the plaintiffs' strategy memos and even volunteering to draft a paragraph on the level playing field provision for Ravelo to present to MasterCard. At the same time, the judge said, he passed to her information about Amex's negotiating position and the class posture in that case.

"This interaction between the (MasterCard) settlement and the (Amex) settlement agreement illustrates why Friedman's apparent collaboration with Ravelo is so troubling," Judge Garaufis said. "Friedman's ability to be a zealous advocate for the class was compromised by his collaboration with counsel for MasterCard, an entity with interests divergent to those of the class; there is reason to be concerned that he was not acting solely in the class's interests when he, teamed with Ravelo, engaged in settlement negotiations and decision-making."

The judge effectively outlines the interdependence of the two settlements. But the challenge for objectors in the MasterCard case will be to show Friedman or Ravelo had decision-making authority over that settlement. That won't be easy. The class was represented by lead counsel from **Robins Kaplan; Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd**; and **Berger & Montague**, with Friedman just in a supporting role. MasterCard's lead counsel was **Ken Gallo** of **Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison**, not Keila Ravelo.

And as settlement proponents in the MasterCard case have said repeatedly, their deal – including the level playing field provision – was proposed by an independent mediator in December 2011. Much of the correspondence between Friedman and Ravelo that Judge Garaufis cites came after the mediator had already suggested the provision.

Overtaking the MasterCard settlement is still a very long shot, but Judge Garaufis' Amex ruling may improve the odds for settlement detractors. Objectors have submitted briefs calling for judgment in the case to be vacated to Visa, MasterCard and class counsel. Settlement proponents have until Aug. 18 to respond.



### News Report Activity: Case 3

Case 3: *Former partner at Princess Diana's law firm faces jail for helping conman's £17.5m swindle* (Mail Online 2011).



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## Former partner at Princess Diana's law firm faces jail for helping conman's £17.5m swindle

By DAILY MAIL REPORTER  
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A former partner at Princess Diana's law firm faces a long jail term for helping a conman pull off a 'spectacular' £17.5m fraud on a Swiss bank.

Kevin Steele used his position at Mishcon de Reya, the solicitors which represented the Princess of Wales in her divorce, to help a conman pull off the multimillion pound swindle.

He provided phoney paperwork stating Michael Shepherd, 50, had £76.4m in two accounts to trick a Swiss bank into paying out a huge loan.

A jury at Southwark Crown Court yesterday found Steele guilty of conspiracy to commit fraud by false representation and conspiracy to use false instruments.

He was also convicted of fraud by abusing his position at Mischon de Reya, convincing three partners to vouch for Shepherd, who used to own Claims Direct, the insurance website.

With the help of associate Mark Pattinson, 37, and Steele's false paperwork Shepherd obtained a loan from EFG Private Bank worth up to 22million euros - more than £17.5million.

The bank was told the cash would be used to fund the development of a luxury Turkish resort where England striker Wayne Rooney and Brazilian ace Ronaldinho had bought villas.

Shepherd and Pattinson had both admitted conspiracy to commit fraud by false representation and conspiracy to use false instruments before the trial began.

Remanding Steele on bail ahead of sentence next month, Judge Graham Wood QC said: 'As you know you face a substantial custodial sentence as a result of this involvement in a fraud and you position as a solicitor obviously makes it worse.

'I regret that I will have to impose a custodial sentence but think it right that I order a pre-sentence report.' Jurors heard Pattinson ran part of the fraud from a house in Preston, Lancashire, where he forged faxed documents purporting to be from Bank Julius Baer (BJB) at Shepherd's behest.

Four of the documents stated Shepherd was the beneficial owner of an account containing £51.4million.



Two further letters claimed he had access to a second account holding £25million.

Steele, who was named as having power of attorney for both accounts, helped draft two of the bogus faxes and provided an undertaking signed by three fellow Mischon de Reya partners guaranteeing Shepherd's wealth, There is no suggestion of any wrongdoing by the three partners.

Prosecutor David Aaronberg QC said: 'What Mr Shepherd did, assisted by another man called Mark Pattinson, was to pretend that he was a phenomenally successful business man enjoying huge personal wealth.

'The reality was that he had enjoyed some success in business and you will hear it appears that he achieved one particularly good deal, but he was not the multi-millionaire who he and Mark Pattinson pretended him to be.' Mr Aaronberg added that it was the 'spectacular use of these false letters' and the written undertaking which convinced EFG to hand over the loan to Shepherd.

'It was an undertaking which provided warranties as to the existence of the monies in the bank accounts which, as I've told you, never existed,' he said.

'The other three partners in Mischon de Reya were deceived in signing this document because each of them trusted Steele as a fellow partner.

'He prepared this document and each of them believed that he would not have said anything in it which was untrue and each of them was persuaded that in the circumstances it was perfectly proper to sign on the dotted line,' he added.

Giving evidence, financial consultant Miranda Khadr said Steele had told her that Michael Shepherd had more than £50m in a bank to use as security for the loan.

She said: 'I was told all these footballers had been purchasing the units that were going to be developed. We were told that there were negotiations with people like Wayne Rooney and Ronaldinho.' 'The key thing that I was told about on the day the loan was made was that the bank account was in existence, that it had been confirmed that it existed and that it held X amount of money and that was ultimately what we loaned on.

'All of that was confirmed by Kevin Steele.'  
Steele claimed he had been duped by Shepherd and the letters forged by Pattinson into believing the conman was worth at least £76.4m.

He said he had acted in good faith throughout his dealings with the businessman and had been 'devastated' when he discovered he had been tricked.  
'I was totally and utterly shocked to the core,' he said.

Steele of Esher, Surrey, denied charges of conspiracy to commit fraud by false representation between July 20 and August 22, 2008, and conspiracy to use false instruments between May 8 and August 22 of the same year. Pattinson, of Preston, Lancashire, and Shepherd, of Lancaster, Lancashire, admitted the charges.

Steele also denied committing fraud by abusing his position at Mischon de Reya in the firm's dealings with Shepherd between October 10, 2007, and September 4, 2008.  
All three men will be sentenced on January 9, 2012.





## News Report Activity: Case 4

Case 4: 'Leslie Deans may face money-laundering charges' (*Scotsman*: 2014).

# Leslie Deans may face money-laundering charges



Leslie Deans runs a chain of estate agents. Picture: Colin Hattersley

By **CHRIS MARSHALL**

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**PROSECUTORS are considering charging a prominent Scottish solicitor with money-laundering offences.**

Leslie Deans, a former Hearts chairman, was arrested last year as part of a fraud inquiry involving a number of people.

The solicitor, who runs a chain of estate agents across Edinburgh, has now been reported to the procurator fiscal in connection with alleged incidents dating from between September 2006 to March 2008.

Mr Deans declined to comment when contacted by *The Scotsman* yesterday. The police investigation is not thought to have been linked to Hearts.

Mr Deans took control of the Tynecastle club in 1994, ending Wallace Mercer's 13-year reign as part of a £2 million takeover alongside businessman Chris Robinson.



He stepped down from the board in 1999 after seeing his side lift the Scottish Cup the season before, with a win against Rangers.

In 2005, he sold the 18 per cent holding he shared in Hearts with Robert McGrail to Lithuanian businessman Vladimir Romanov.

Yesterday, a police spokesman said a report had been submitted to the procurator fiscal, with inquiries ongoing. A Crown Office spokesman said: "The procurator fiscal has received a report concerning a 62-year-old man in relation to alleged incidents between September 2006 and March 2008. The report is under consideration by the procurator fiscal."

Last year, lawyer Richard Housley was jailed for four years after becoming the first Scottish solicitor to be found guilty of money-laundering following a major overhaul of the law in 2007.

The 57-year-old, once the senior partner in a successful law firm, helped Michael Voudouri, and associates to hide cash through a Europe-wide VAT "carousel" scam and was jailed for four years.

Book-keeper Caroline Laing, 55, was also jailed after a three-month trial at the High Court in Glasgow. Housley had first got to know Voudouri in 2002, when working for Gebals Solicitors in Bathgate, West Lothian, and was later invited to become involved in a business used as a front by Voudouri and others to hide money. Voudouri, who became one of Britain's most-wanted fugitives when he fled to Northern Cyprus, was finally jailed in June this year.

Strict new laws mean solicitors must carry out checks, including asking new clients to show identification, such as a passport.

A spokeswoman for the Law Society of Scotland said: "We operate a robust programme of inspections aimed at assessing compliance by solicitors with the society's accounts rules and money-laundering legislation. "Failures to comply with obligations can result in disciplinary processes or, where appropriate, referral to the - authorities."







## News Report Activity: Case 5

Case 5: *Birmingham solicitor struck off over £5.2 million mortgage fraud* (Birmingham Mail: 2014).

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### **Birmingham solicitor struck off over £5.2 million mortgage fraud**



Struck off Birmingham solicitor Kamran Malik

**Kamran Malik was jailed for five years earlier this year for money laundering, four counts of mortgage fraud, and perverting the course of justice**

A crooked Birmingham solicitor jailed for five years over a multi-million pound mortgage fraud has been struck off.

Kamran Malik, formerly of AKZ Solicitors in Alum Rock, was jailed for five years earlier this year for money laundering, four counts of mortgage fraud, and perverting the course of justice. A police investigation was launched after a number of banks raised the alarm over bogus lease agreements used to swindle them out of a total of £5.2 million in 2008.

A total of four men were jailed for fraud offences.

Now Malik, 35, of Hancock Road, Alum Rock, has been struck off by the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. In a case brought by the Solicitors Regulation Authority, the tribunal found his convictions meant he had failed to uphold the rule of law and the proper administration of justice.

Malik was also judged to have failed to act with integrity and behave in a way that maintained the trust the public placed in him and in the provision of legal services.

He was also ordered to pay £2,752 costs.

The decision was welcomed by the SRA's director of legal and enforcement, Gordon Ramsay.

He said: "Mr Malik used his position as a solicitor to engage in criminal activity.

"Solicitors hold positions of trust and have a duty to uphold the rule of law.

"Mr Malik's offences show he abused that position of trust, so the tribunal's decision is entirely appropriate."

Malik was given 21 days to appeal against the judgement.



## News Report Activity: Case 6

Case 6: 'Sham marriage mastermind jailed for 10 years' (BBC News, 2013).



**A solicitor has been jailed for 10 years at the Old Bailey for running an immigration sham marriage scam.**

Tevfick Souleiman and immigration advisers Cenk Guclu and Furrah Kosimov were found guilty of conspiracy to breach immigration law last week.

Souleiman, from Hatfield, and Guclu, from Enfield, were also convicted of receiving proceeds of crime.

Kosimov, 29, from Wembley, was also convicted of money laundering.



He was found guilty in his absence as he is believed to have fled to his native Uzbekistan. Guclu, 41, of Enfield, and Kosimov, were jailed for nine years.

Souleiman, 39, was told he had let down his profession and destroyed the trust placed in lawyers. Judge John Bevan said members of Souleiman GA solicitors had run a "conveyor belt" of brides being flown in from eastern European countries.

They would marry men they had never met from non-EU countries and be flown out the next day after being paid by the north London firm.

### **Industrial scale scam**

Another of the firm's immigration advisers, Zafer Altinbas, 38, of Islington, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to breach immigration law and receiving money from the proceeds of crime as the trial started.

He was jailed for six years and nine months.

Judge Bevan said it would be hard to find a similar scam of the same scale and sophistication. He added: "A heavy responsibility for upholding the law rests with the lawyers.

"If the public cannot trust them, who can they trust. You have destroyed that trust by driving a coach and horses through these rules."

An estimated 1,800 men, including members of the Albanian mafia, were able to live in Britain by taking part in sham marriages over eight years.





Women from eastern European countries were flown to Britain to marry men from outside the EU. They turned up at register offices having never met, and were sometimes unable to speak a common language. Men would pay up to £14,000 to Souleiman GA Solicitors for a marriage package.

This would include fake tenancy agreements, employer's references and forged documents.

Clients would travel from as far as Devon and Scotland and marriages would take place in a number of registrars' offices.

Only £2m of unexplained income had been found in bank accounts. The rest is thought to have been smuggled out of the country.

The racket was uncovered after British police cracked an Albanian drugs and money laundering gang in London. The brothers at the head had undergone marriages arranged by the firm.





## News Report Activity: Case 7

Case 7: 'From Criminal to Criminal Defence Lawyer: A Former Drug Dealer Makes Good'. (Above the Law: 2015).

### CRIME DRUGS

# From Criminal To Criminal Defense Lawyer: A Former Drug Dealer Makes Good

By DAVID LAT

Everyone loves a good redemption story, and that includes your editors here at Above the Law.

For example, we've written in these pages about Shon Hopwood, the bank robber turned jailhouse lawyer turned actual lawyer, and Jarrett Adams, the wrongfully convicted man who will be clerking for the very court that overturned his conviction.



Allan Haber

Here's another inspirational tale of a convict turned counsellor, as reported by Benjamin Weiser of the New York Times:

"A well-worn felon with more than a decade spent in places like Sing Sing and Rikers Island stood before the judge. But as Allan P. Haber appealed for mercy, he did so not for himself, but for a client.

Mr. Haber, 75, is one of the more unlikely criminal defense lawyers in New York.... Mr. Haber was once a drug dealer, selling heroin in Midtown Manhattan, carrying a gun, running a stash house and earning thousands of dollars a day selling bundles of heroin through a network of distributors. He had 10 convictions in his 20s and early 30s, including three drug-related felonies."

Yikes. Sometimes one's pre-law-school experience can be an asset in one's legal career — the CPA who becomes a lawyer specializing in accountant malpractice defense, the nightclub promoter turned nightlife lawyer — but I wouldn't recommend becoming a criminal so you can later represent criminal defendants.

A criminal history certainly complicates the process of getting admitted to law school and then to the bar, due to the character and fitness review. Just ask Shon Hopwood. Or Bruce, a convicted murderer who went to law school as well.

In his 40s, after serving his time and turning around his life, Allan Haber got his college and law school degrees from NYU. He disclosed his criminal past when he applied to NYU and again when he applied, successfully, for admission to the bar. But he has generally been discreet about sharing his past (well, until this New York Times article):

"I had no idea," said J. Paul Oetken, a federal judge in Manhattan, who in 2013 sentenced one of Mr. Haber's clients in a drug case to two and a half years, after Mr. Haber argued against the guidelines recommendation of seven to nine years.

"He did great work in that case," Judge Oetken said.

Haber told the Times that his criminal history has actually helped him in his legal practice. It aids him in trying to build trust and develop a rapport with his clients, and it gives him greater credibility when he argues that a client could benefit from a second chance.

How did Haber get on the straight and narrow path? A successful mentor surely helped:

While he was on parole, Mr. Haber met Emily Jane Goodman, a lawyer who would later serve for nearly 25 years as a State Supreme Court justice before retiring from the bench in 2012.





Ms. Goodman tutored him; his grammar and vocabulary were atrocious, she said. But one day she said he would make a good lawyer. “She said, ‘Nothing is impossible,’” Mr. Haber recalled. “She really motivated me.”

“He kind of became my project,” she recalled, adding, “I didn’t plan to fall in love with him.” They were married in 1983, and had a daughter, Justine, named after justice. (The marriage ended in the mid-1990s; Mr. Haber has been married to Maria Theodoulou, an oncologist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, for 16 years.)

Emily Goodman’s name might ring a bell for longtime ATL readers. In 2007, then-Judge Goodman sent us an open letter lamenting the low pay for state judges. (Her email included a great disclaimer that, in light of the Edward Snowden revelations, turned out to have some truth to it: “This message may have been intercepted and read by government agencies including the FBI, CIA, NSA without notice or warrant or knowledge of sender or recipient.”)

With Judge Goodman’s help, Allan Haber got into NYU Law. He graduated in 1984, worked as a defense lawyer at the Legal Aid Society for almost a decade, and then went into private practice in 1993. He continues to represent clients to this day.

In the next few weeks, some 6,000 prisoners — non-violent drug offenders, just like Haber — will be released from federal prisons around the country. What will happen to them?

As columnist Toni Messina put it, “Let’s hope the follow-through on the sentence reductions will be as good as the build-up to it.” If we give these former inmates the support they need — job training, drug treatment, mental health programs — maybe they will follow in Allan Haber’s commendable footsteps.



## News Report Activity: Case 8

Case 8: *Lawyer of Palestinian child in hospital calls video 'defamation'* (Middle East Eye: 2015).



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### Lawyer of Palestinian child in hospital calls video 'defamation'

#ThirdIntifada

Tareq Barghout, the lawyer of Ahmed Manasra says a video released by Israel is intentionally misleading



According to the lawyer, a representative of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu arrived at the hospital to check up on the boy (AFP)

GAZA CITY - Tareq Barghout, the lawyer of Ahmed Manasra, 13, disputes the intentions of a video that Israel released to international media, which showed Manasra lying in an Israeli hospital while being fed and taken care of by Barghout.

Barghout said the published video is "defamation" and claims the child, who admitted to stabbing an Israeli boy before being critically wounded by Israeli security forces, is not being treated well.

"Israeli guards claims that they are feeding him with their hands and offer him good treatment, but that's disgusting defamation" says Barghout.

"While I was visiting, food came into his room, but he did not want to eat, and when I asked him why, he says he suffers pain in his jaws due to severe beating and because his right arm is tied to his bed," Barghout wrote on his Facebook page.

The lawyer added that this act is meant to whitewash the crime committed, by taking video which the lawyer says is illegal according to Israeli law.





“They are lying in a shameless way,” says Barghout.

An earlier video was circulated online showing Manasra bleeding on the ground and not being offered any medical assistance. An Israeli security guard watches over the kid and tells him to die.

The child, currently a patient at Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital in Jerusalem, is officially under arrest.

Manasra’s father told international and Israeli media that his son would never commit a crime of this nature. “My son cannot stab, he doesn’t know how to hold a knife”.

According to the lawyer, a representative of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu arrived at the hospital to check up on the boy.

“I have explained to [the representative] that the boy’s health conditions is not all right, as his hands are tired and he can neither eat, nor go to the toilet, and the guards are treating him in inhuman way,” says Barghout.

The lawyer also claims the guards at the hospital have spit on Manasra and that one of the guards opened Skype while talking with his girlfriend, who allegedly also insulted the child.

Israel released a video without sound that showed Barghout feeding him. His lawyer’s bar association logo appears on his tie.

“It is obvious that this person from Prime minister office was carrying a hidden camera and you should notice that the video is without a voice,” he adds.

Meanwhile, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas referred to mistreatment of Palestinians through reference Manasra’s case.

Barghout plans to visit Manasra again in the hospital - however, he says that Israel has refused to allow Manasra to go to the toilet, instead giving him diapers to relieve himself.

“Ahmed is still resisting to not to do it in bed. Ahmed tells the guards that either I go to the toilet or I don’t want,” Barghout says

“I am a man and I don’t accept this,” recalls the lawyer what Manasra told the guards in the hospital.

Ahmed’s cousin, Hassan Manasra, 15, was killed by Israeli military in the same incident. The Manasra family is calling for an independent investigation.





## News Report Activity: Case 9

Case 9: 'Lawyer gives full backpacks to every elementary school kid in Detroit' (Good News Network: 2015).

### Lawyer Gives Full Backpacks To Every Elementary School Kid in Detroit

Photo of the Day

by McKinley Corbley - Sep 17, 2015

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Many of the students in Detroit, Michigan's schools show up to class with used or second hand school supplies, making it harder for them to concentrate on learning.

One lawyer decided to change the game for every elementary public school student in the city.

The Mike Morse Law Firm decided to invest a quarter million dollars to buy 23,000 backpacks filled with school supplies like markers, erasers, folders, pencils, notebooks, and other educational goodies for each student in grades K through 5.

Needless to say, the new gifts brought excited back-to-school smiles to children's faces in 65 Detroit schools. "I think it teaches them that there are people out there in the community that care about them," Mike Morse said in a video highlighting the firm's efforts. "They want them to succeed, that want them to win at life."

A few days after the video was shot, filmmaker Sean O'Grady spoke with a family who just moved to the city under some tough circumstances and couldn't afford to buy any uniforms or supplies for their twin fifth graders.

"As a result of the donation, they now have all the supplies they need to start the year. The entire family of 5 was incredibly grateful and it was really moving," O'Grady told the Good News Network. "They heard nothing but bad things about Detroit before moving there, but this helped them realize that there are generous people everywhere."

In preparation for next year, The Mike Morse Backpack Fund is raising more money from public donations to try to give every Michigan student a great start to the school year. Donate at the link above, or at the partnering non-profit Kids In Need Foundation.







## News Report Activity: Case 10

Case 10: 'Lawyer Gives up his Home to Homeless Family for a Year' (People: 2013).

### Hero Lawyer Gives His House to a Homeless Family for a Year

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Tony Tolbert  
CBS

Felicia Dukes and her four children had been living in a homeless shelter – but now they have a cozy house all their own – thanks to a Los Angeles lawyer who has temporarily given up his residence to the family in need.

Tony Tolbert, 51, decided he wanted to give up his fully furnished home, rent-free for one year, to a struggling family. So he sought out Alexandria House, a homeless shelter for women and children, where he was connected with Dukes.

"You don't have to be Bill Gates or Warren Buffet or Oprah," Tolbert, who has moved back into his parents' house for the year, told *CBS News*. "We can do it wherever we are, with whatever we have, and for me, I have a home that I can make available." Dukes, who was joined by her three daughters and son, tearfully tells *CBS*, "My heart just fills up and stuff ... I'm just really happy."

Tolbert says his generous spirit comes from his father, an L.A. entertainment lawyer, who taught his son about the virtues of giving when he was growing up. Tolbert says his dad regularly lent out the family's spare bedroom to someone in need.

"Kindness creates kindness; generosity creates generosity; love creates love," Tolbert said, while emotionally addressing his dad, who has Alzheimer's disease. "I think if we can share some of that and have more stories about people doing nice things for other people, and fewer stories about people doing horrible things to other people, that's a better world."

Tolbert's ways are nothing new, according to his mom Marie, who says, "He's so giving, and he's always been that way."



## Ranking News Reports

*Rank cases 1-6 in order of how serious you assume they are.*

MOST SERIOUS

LEAST SERIOUS





## News Report Activity – Common Themes

In groups, discuss the character virtues and vices displayed by the lawyers in each case.

Case no.	Character virtues displayed	Character vices displayed
1		
2		
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10		



### Personal character virtues and strengths

Review the character traits in the personal character and strengths table. Pick four character traits that you believe are of critical significance to these roles, and explain the rationale behind your choice.

High Court Judge



Criminal  
barrister/advocate



Commercial/  
transactional  
work solicitor



Family Law  
mediator



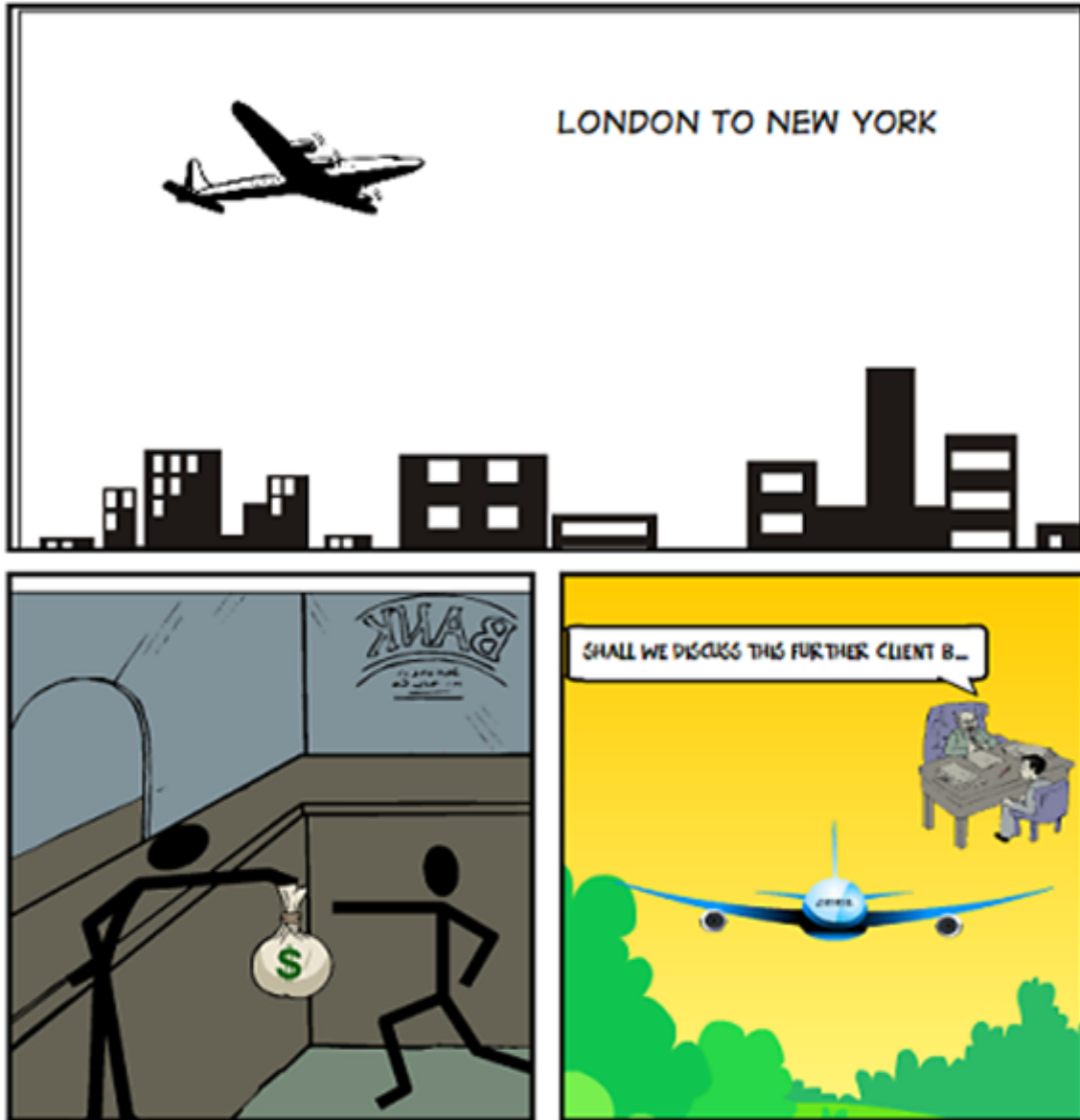
Trade mark  
attorney





### Dilemma 1: The Flight to New York

You are a barrister based in London. Today, you are flying to New York for an important meeting with Client A, who you are representing on a commercial matter. Client A has agreed to pay for your return flight including your time spent travelling. You have already prepared for the meeting with Client A and you decide to use the flight time to work on a different matter for Client B.



## Dilemma 2: The Client Account

You are a Partner in a firm of solicitors. Your nephew (the son of your elder sister) is an associate in the firm. You discover your nephew has a significant gambling problem and has taken money from the firm's client account to cover his debts. Fortunately you discover the problem in its early stages.

Your nephew is now undergoing counselling for his gambling addiction and your sister is hopeful for his recovery. The amount missing from the client account is modest and you are certain could be reimbursed without attracting any attention.

You have doubts about whether, if you report this matter to the firm, they will report it to the Solicitors' Regulation Authority (SRA).



### Dilemma 3: The Stolen Goods

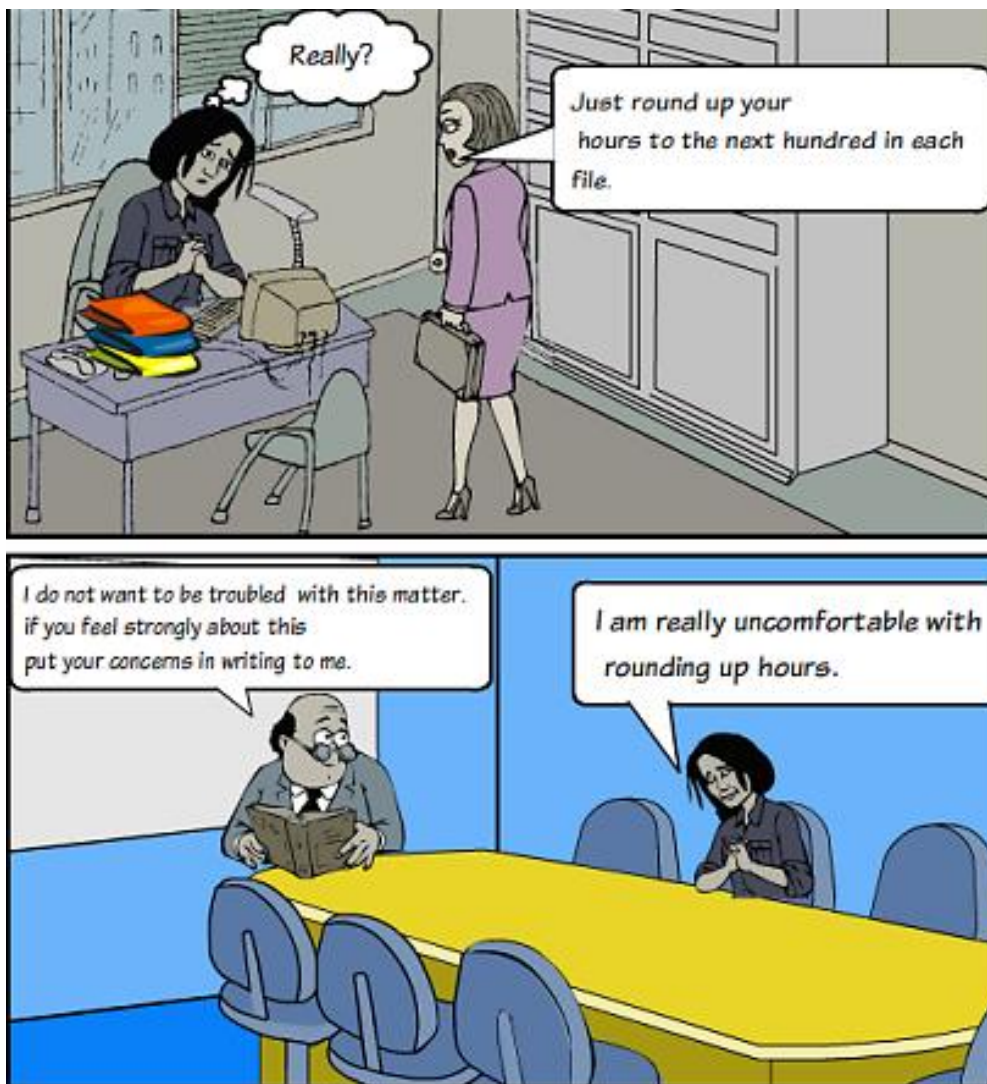
You represent a client charged with receiving stolen goods. Your client was found by the police with a stolen TV set on the back seat of his car. Your client tells you that the reason that the TV was on the back seat of his car and not in the boot of the car was that his car boot is jammed shut and does not open. You have strong reasons for believing that your client did not know that the TV set was stolen and is therefore innocent of knowingly receiving stolen goods.

You are appearing before a judge who is severe in his sentencing and know that there is only one tactic in your questioning that may convince the court that your client is innocent. This is to ask the arresting police officer: 'Tell me officer, if this TV set was stolen, why would my client place it on the back seat of his car and not in the boot of the car?'



### Dilemma 4: Rounding Up Hours

You work in a law firm and the partner supervising you gives you some files to get ready for 'costing'. She asks you to total the number of hours you have spent on each file. She asks you to 'round up' your hours to the next hundred in each file, saying that, on average, clients are happy because the main thing they demand is quality work. You know that these clients are more or less satisfied with the firm and are unlikely to query the bills. You are uncomfortable with rounding up the hours billed to the clients and, feeling that your supervisor is not about to debate the issue with you, share your concerns with another Partner. He gives you a clear indication that he does not want to be troubled with this matter, but says 'if you feel strongly about this, put your concerns in writing to me'.





### Dilemma 5: The family holiday

You are a lawyer working on a complex case for an important return client. The long working hours involved are causing a lot of pressure at home with your partner and your young children. Your partner is beginning to ask what you are doing at work so late.

You are due to go on a long-arranged holiday with your family. However, the very day that you are due to fly, the case takes a turn that demands that you spend a great deal of time on legal work for this client. If you decide to perform this work, you will miss your flight, that which will further strain your familial relationships.





## Codes of Conduct in the Legal Profession

1. Which of the codes in the document(s) are the most important to you?

Code/principle	Reason for choice
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

2. What does it mean to you to be a legal professional?

3. What do the following stakeholders expect from you as a legal professional?

Stakeholder	Expectations
Clients	
Government	
Senior members of staff at your workplace/ university	
Community	

