



Travis County Grand Jury Indicts Texas Attorneys on Workers' Compensation Fraud-Related Charges in Two Cases

AUSTIN, Texas—Travis County grand juries have indicted Texas attorneys and law firms in two different cases for workers' compensation fraud-related charges.

Adam Henderson and the Adam Henderson Law Firm have been charged with securing the execution of a document by deception and tampering with a governmental record by submitting inaccurate attorney hours to the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) between January 1, 2012 and January 31, 2019. The indictments also allege that Adam Henderson and the Adam Henderson Law Firm misrepresented who rendered legal services to injured workers.

Attorney Leslie Casaubon, attorney Roger Farahmand, and the Langford, Wise and Farahmand Law Firm were also indicted on workers' compensation fraud-related charges. The indictments allege that Leslie Casaubon, Roger Farahmand and the Langford, Wise and Farahmand Law Firm engaged in organized criminal activity and secured the execution of a document by deception by conspiring to submit data that misrepresented who rendered legal services to injured workers. The data was submitted to the DWC attorney fee processing system from July 1, 2017 to August 31, 2019.

Attorneys for injured workers submit information to the DWC to obtain payment for their services. The DWC then orders workers' compensation carriers to deduct up to 25% of injured workers' benefit checks to pay attorneys' fees based on data submitted by the attorneys. Texas Mutual Insurance Company investigated Adam Henderson and the Adam Henderson Law Firm and referred the case to the DWC, which conducted an additional investigation assisted by Texas Mutual. Texas Mutual and the DWC assisted the Travis County District Attorney's Office in its investigation of Leslie Casaubon, Roger Farahmand and the Langford, Wise and Farahmand Law Firm. The Travis County District

Attorney's Office presented the cases to the grand juries, which considered evidence and issued the indictments.

"Texas Mutual has nothing to gain monetarily by pursuing potential cases of attorney fee fraud because the only victims are the injured workers – those most vulnerable to this form of dishonesty," said Mary Nichols, Texas Mutual senior vice president and general counsel. "The investigations and referrals were undertaken solely to protect injured workers and to deter those who would exploit them."

Note: A grand jury indictment is a formal accusation – not a conviction – of criminal conduct.

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