

Kelley seeks attorney's prosecution

By JACKIE KLEIN

Attorney General Frank Kelley will ask the Michigan Court of Appeals to reverse a circuit court ruling that would prevent the state from prosecuting a Southfield lawyer under the "ambulance chasing" statute.

The lawyer, Arthur S. Woll, was charged in May with soliciting personal injury claims from retired auto workers. A number of labor union officials and members were also charged.

The law, which prohibits lawyers from seeking out accident victims and encouraging them to sue, was overturned July 7 by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Henry W. Gilmore ruling on a suit filed by Woll. Gilmore enjoined the state from prosecuting Woll under the statute.

Gilmore maintained the statute was unconstitutional because it was too broad and was discriminatory since it only banned solicitation for personal injury claims.

KELLEY SAID Tuesday in a prepared statement that the law was specific enough to be understood by Woll, an attorney. He also maintained solicitation involves more than freedom of speech and isn't protected by the first amendment.

The simple fact is that Woll broke the law, knew he was breaking the law and all those legal issues were raised afterward in an effort to get him off the hook. Kelley said. I am convinced that whether this statute is unconstitutional is a matter which should be reviewed by Michigan's appellate courts.

Southfield legal investigator Stewart Steinberger and Robert Koslow and Woll, members of the law firm in which the investigator was employed, and 12 other individuals were indicted in April by the Wayne County Citizens Grand Jury.

Woll, a Farmington resident, and Koslow, a West Bloomfield resident, who practice law together in Southfield, were arrested on charges of engaging in a conspiracy to solicit personal injury claims and with solicitation of such claims.

Gilmore's injunction pertained only to Woll's indictment, but Kelley said that the ruling has jeopardized the prosecutions of the other defendants as well.

CHARGES, KELLEY said, stemmed from an investigation conducted by his office in cooperation with the Michigan State Bar's grievance board. Those charged were arraigned in Wayne County Circuit

Court after their arrest by agents of Kelley's organized crime division and officers from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

The grand jury indictment states, in addition to those charged, a number of persons solicited workmen's compensation claims for the law firm and were paid between \$20 and \$80 a case.

According to the grand jury indictment, a defendant invited LAW Local 22 members to numerous meetings by letter, stating they could make application for workmen's compensation at the meeting. The defendant said he was the only person in LAW Local 22 authorized to assist retirees in making their claims.

THE REPRESENTATIVE, the indictment read, told retired members they had worked for many years and had all probably suffered injuries. He maintained they had had workmen's compensation benefits coming to them.

The defendant distributed and collected cards for members to fill in their names and addresses. The indictment stated he introduced attorney Arthur S. Woll who spoke to them. After the meetings, retired local members were contacted by

Woll, Robert Koslow or a person from their law firm and asked to give information regarding their claims.

Bernard Pollack of Detroit, recording secretary of Local 22, received lump sum checks from the law firm ranging from about \$15 to \$100 per claimant, the indictment states. The checks of between \$10 to \$1,750 totaled more than \$15,000 in one year in the partial amount of checks seen by the grand jury.

IT WAS also charged that representatives of General Motors, United Auto Workers, Ford, Local 886, Chrysler Corp. and others solicited workmen's compensation claims for Woll, Koslow and their firm and were paid for each person solicited.

According to the indictment, in November, 1972, Woll began to represent Maurice Brackney in a workmen's compensation claim against Republic Steel. Woll also had Brackney soliciting personal injury claims for him and his law firm, it was stated.

In March, 1973, Brackney complained to the State Bar grievance board about Woll's failure to expedite his case and Woll was notified by the board, the indictment says.

In July, 1973, Brackney gave a deposition to the board indicating he had worked for Woll as a runner for personal injury claims, according to the charges.

Brackney became aware of attorney Samuel A. Mekir and made an appointment to see him in his office in the Traveler Tower in Southfield. Mekir called Woll and told him Brackney was in his office. Several minutes later, Woll came in and threatened to kill Brackney.



Hooray team

This was last year's action as fans cheered their high school football team. To see what this year's action will be like, turn to the sports section. (Staff photo by Harry Maunhe)

Night classes offered by district

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machines as calculators, duplicating machines, and telephones.

MONEY MYSTIQUE is a five week course to be on from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$10. Topics will include stock market versus real estate, bank interest versus corporate bonds, the importance of estate planning, and other subjects.

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