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### **Former Corvallis Lawyer Pleads Guilty to Wire Fraud and Identity Theft**

PORTLAND, Ore.—A former Corvallis, Oregon lawyer pleaded guilty today for perpetrating a scheme to defraud her clients and use their payments to fund personal expenses.

Megan Moeller, aka Megan Perry, 42, pleaded guilty to wire fraud and identity theft.

According to court documents, beginning in at least 2014, Moeller, whose legal practice purportedly involved family law, divorce, child custody and visitation, and adoption matters, knowingly and intentionally perpetrated a scheme to defraud her clients by accepting payment for various legal services, failing to perform those services, using fraudulent means to conceal her failure to perform the services, and using the proceeds to fund her own personal expenses.

In one instance, in June 2016, Moeller accepted payment from a client in a child visitation and support case. Moeller falsely claimed to have drafted and served an order to show cause regarding the enforcement of parenting time to her client's former spouse. Despite Moeller's claims to the contrary and her client's repeated inquiries, the document was never received by the former spouse. On March 23, 2017, Moeller provided her client with a fraudulent affidavit of service of process and a fraudulent certified mail receipt on which Moeller had knowingly forged the signature of her client's former spouse. Moeller also forged the signatures of a process server and a notary.

On March 1, 2018, Moeller submitted a Form B resignation to the Oregon State Bar. It was accepted on April 5, 2018.

On April 29, 2022, Moeller was charged by superseding criminal information with wire fraud and identity theft.

Wire fraud is punishable by up to 20 years in federal prison, \$250,000 fine and 3 years supervised release. Identity theft is punishable by up to 15 years in federal prison, a \$250,000 fine and 3 years supervised release.

Moeller will be sentenced on August 4, 2022, before U.S. District Court Judge Robert E. Jones.

U.S. Attorney Scott Erik Asphaug of the District of Oregon made the announcement.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. It is being prosecuted by Claire M. Fay, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon.

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