

Whistleblower Lawsuit: L.A. Law Firm Preys on Poor, Non-English Speaking Hispanics

Former Matian Law Firm attorney says she witnessed illegal practices at the firm

June 15, 2018 (FPRC) -- Los Angeles, CA – When attorney Heather Monasky reported crimes and predatory behavior against poor non-English speaking Hispanics to her direct supervisors and Matian Law Firm owner Shawn Matian, she was forced to quit. Monasky alleges she saw members of the firm lie to clients and steal money from them, engage in mail fraud schemes, and then cover up the fraud during the time she worked there from January to April 2018.

Monasky also says she witnessed non-lawyers giving legal advice and deciding what actions attorneys should take in many cases, including forcing many of their Hispanic, non-English speaking clients to plead guilty regardless of the merits of their cases. This is considered legal malpractice and a direct violation of the California State Bar Rules of Professional Conduct.

Monasky alleges that she saw members of the firm committing crimes daily, and that she faced whistleblower retaliation when her superiors buried her in an impossible workload of hundreds of cases after she alerted them of the criminal activity.

Monasky is represented by attorney Okorie Okorochoa of The Okorochoa Firm, who has filed a whistleblower and defamation complaint against The Matian Law Firm. Okorochoa has also filed a separate consumer protection class action lawsuit on behalf of customers of the firm who are mostly Latino and non-English speaking.

“The Matian Firm is a criminal enterprise,” said Okorochoa. “It engages in racketeering and fraud, and it uses a non-attorney sales team that makes promises to potential clients, steals their money, then does nothing to help them. I invite all victims who believe they were lied to and defrauded by the Matian Law Firm to come forward and join this class action lawsuit.”

Okorochoa has also filed a report against the Matian Law Firm with the State Bar of California, the agency that regulates California lawyers. The case has been forwarded to the State Bar's Enforcement Unit, which works to protect the public from unscrupulous lawyers.

To join the class action suit, contact Luis Cendejas at oesq@oesq.com, or call (951) 790-7304.

To book an interview with Okorochoa and Heather Monasky, contact T.K. DeVine at 626-365-3741 or tnkk13@yahoo.com.

About the Lawsuits: The whistleblower lawsuit is titled: “Heather Monasky v. The Matian firm, et. al.” Case Number: BC702214. The class action lawsuit on behalf of victims of the firm, is titled “Ramirez, et. al. v. Matian Law Firm, et. al.” Case Number: BC705962.

About The Okorochoa Firm: The Okorochoa Firm enforces the rights of the working class and consumers, and believes it is the duty of other lawyers to run dirty lawyers out of business. For more information visit www.BanditLawyers.com.

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