

## TEXAS EMBEZZLING CASES

To **embezzle** means to take another's money and property through abuse of an official job or position of trust.

**Embezzlement or Misappropriation of Funds Can Be a Serious Crime in Texas Federal Courts. Embezzlement is considered a white collar crime in the state of Texas.**

**Embezzlement is almost always charged as a felony. Punishment can be severe. Depending on what was done and how the funds were misappropriated. The criminal could face fines in the million of dollars and many months in prison.**

2-28-08 Ex-Dallas councilman James Fantroy guilty of embezzlement. Federal authorities logged their first legal victory in the high-profile crackdown on Dallas public corruption when a jury delivered a speedy guilty verdict against former City Council member James Fantroy, convicting him of stealing \$20,000 from a local college.

3-13-08 City of Jacksonville, TX bookkeeper indicted for embezzling \$150,000.00

July 9-08--An accounting clerk for a Houston window-covering company is accused of embezzling nearly \$6 million from her employer over the past four years and spending the money on designer merchandise, trips to Europe and the Bahamas, and on \$100,000 worth of furniture for her house.

1-29-09 Dallas seminary administrator accused of embezzling \$165,000. There's a complicated money trail to follow in all of this.

2-20-09 Tuscola, Texas resident was arrested on a charge of first degree felony theft for allegedly embezzling more than \$300,000 from her employer Cary Services over the last seven years. The woman worked as a manager for the company. This is the third major case of embezzlement reported in the Abilene, Texas area in the last few months.

3-23-09 71-Year Old Texas Woman Sentenced In \$1.2 Million Embezzlement Case. A former Texas escrow officer has been sentenced to prison in a \$1.2 million embezzlement case. The U.S. Attorney's Office announced that a federal judge sentenced Helen K. Sullivan, 71, of Commerce to 42 months in prison. Prosecutors say from 2000 until September 2006, Sullivan embezzled funds from escrow accounts of Lawyers Title Insurance Corp. and used the money to pay her personal credit cards, plus buy chemicals to fund another business operation.

2-22-10 Houston woman sentenced for embezzling more than \$3.6 million. A former accounting supervisor for a Houston area chemicals company was sentenced to 60 months in prison for embezzling more than \$3.6 million from her employer

8-13-2010 Texas Couple Indicted On Charges of Embezzling More Than \$220K from Non-Profit Health Care Program

9-3-2010 Former CFO of a Texas engineering firm sentenced for embezzling over \$3.7 million. “**This was an unusually vicious economic crime,**” United States District Judge Nancy Atlas said, “and one of the worst frauds I have ever seen.”

McCullough will serve a three-year term of supervised release upon his release from federal prison.

McCullough made over 200 transactions converting LJA funds to his personal use.

November 19, 2010 San Antonio The Bexar County grand jury has indicted the former city manager of Windcrest and his developer brother in a \$4 million embezzlement investigation