To Film Director Alexander Payne

Crook and Sexual Predator Willie Gary Should Not Be Immortalized in "The Burial"

Attorney Misconduct Should Lead to His Disbarment and Imprisonment!

It has been reported that Amazon Studios is in early talks with Alexander Payne to direct a film about how Willie Gary of Stuart, Florida, in the 1990's won a large settlement for the owner of a chain of local funeral parlors who had been swindled by a funeral parlor conglomerate. That's correct. But also true is that Willie Gary has a plethora of former clients and victims who, for good reason, have charged and sued him for fraud, racketeering, legal malpractice and sexual misconduct.

Attorney Willie E. Gary is a con artist and a crook. He ranks among the worst of what the legal profession has to offer. He is dishonest, immoral and a fraudster. Perhaps earlier in life he was decent and honest; that is no longer the case. Despite the slogan, "Trust The Team At The Willie Gary Law Firm," Gary and his law firm, over the past two decades, have been accused of defrauding numerous clients out of tens of millions of dollars and preventing justice for large numbers of victims of racial and gender discrimination, sexual molestation and other serious misconduct.

Gary represented 42 women at Ford Motor Company and Visteon in several sexual harassment lawsuits. The women sued him after discovering he had stolen more than \$51.5 million of their settlement money. Gary settled after the judge ruled against him saying "the Court is convinced that there is probable cause to believe that a fraud has been attempted or committed."

A landmark civil rights case, involving Georgia lead plaintiff and former president of the Black Promoters Association, Leonard Rowe, is only one of many cases handled by Gary where legal malpractice and attorney misconduct seem to have been the norm. Rowe charges Gary with purposely throwing his civil rights case aimed at protecting equal rights for large numbers of blacklisted African American workers in the entertainment industry. Despite hundreds of racially derogatory emails from employees of the defendants in the civil rights lawsuit, Gary allowed those emails to be returned to the defendants and never submitted them to the court. Gary then concealed his misconduct from Rowe by falsely accusing the judge presiding over the civil rights lawsuit as "racist."

Gary boasts of his victory in representing clients who had opted out of a class action racial discrimination lawsuit against The Coca-Cola Company. Coca-Cola paid the largest settlement for racial discrimination in history to more than 2000 Coke employees. The only plaintiffs who never received a dime were those who opted out of the class action and were represented by Willie Gary who solicited them. Gary client and lead plaintiff Marietta Goodman remarked, "We all expressed the suspicion that the Gary firm had sabotaged our cases..."

In Geneva Cook-Gervais vs. Gary filed on April 4, 2018, it was pointed out that "the Gary Firm has habitually missed court-imposed deadlines in tobacco cases for years, which has resulted in dismissal or unfavorable results" in at least six tobacco cases. "Even

after federal and state judges have repeatedly chided the Gary Firm for its failure to abide by court deadlines and rules, the Firm has not taken any steps to protect its clients from this misconduct and gross negligence."

When Gary traveled to Michigan in 2016 to solicit business around the Flint water crisis, he was met by protesters handing out hundreds of leaflets headlined "WARNING: PROTECT FLINT FROM FURTHER HARM. KEEP PREDATORS LIKE WILLIE GARY OUT OF TOWN: Attorney Willie Gary Will Promise You Billions, Only to Cheat You Out of Millions!" The leaflet stated: "Countless victims of this predator describe how he has stolen settlement monies, forged documents, withheld evidence to throw cases and accepted expensive gifts from defendants he is suing in order to enrich himself, thus further victimizing those he is supposedly representing." This aspect of Gary's well-documented history has earned him the reputation as "The Client Killer" with a long list of former clients who more aptly describe him as disreputable, unethical and a disgrace to his profession.

Quotes from Former Clients of Attorney Willie Gary

Leonard Rowe: "Attorney Gary has a pattern and practice of defrauding his own clients out of their settlements to enrich himself. The question that keeps coming to my mind is why attorney Willie Gary is still allowed to practice law. He should have been disbarred and imprisoned years ago for the destruction of lives he has caused. Attorney Gary, in my opinion, is detrimental to the American public and a disgrace to the legal profession."

Marietta Goodman in a letter to The Florida Bar on March 25, 2014 wrote: "Willie Gary is nothing less than a predator that preys on those who have already been victimized and harmed. They place their faith and trust in him for justice. He then abuses that trust to enrich himself...Mr. Gary is nothing short of a criminal."

Sharron Mangum: "I wanted justice for the racial abuses I experienced at Coca-Cola's headquarters and Beverage Based Plant. Instead, I found myself fighting for my life. My attorney, Willie Gary, grabbed my breast, grabbed between my legs, forcibly placed my hand on his crouch and tried to force his tongue into my mouth. I fought back and reached for the door handle of the fast moving limo preparing to jump to safety. Willie Gary not only stole millions from me and others, he also threatened my life and sexually violated me."

Luisa Esposito: On December 26, 2015, Ms. Esposito a resident of Long Island, NY informed Mr. Gary and his colleagues that they were all being "fired for CAUSE for numerous reasons" including: falsely informing her just before a Mediation Settlement Conference that the primary defendant in her sexual molestation case, politically connected Wall Street attorney Allen Isaac, had been dismissed from her case; filing a "poorly written opposition on the eve of the due date" to the defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment to dismiss her case in its totality; giving defendants a copy of a confidential video produced by Gary's firm, documenting her case and revealing plaintiff team's strategy, without her consent; and failing to respond to her pleas to file a timely motion to reconsider a judge's ruling to dismiss her case. Ms. Esposito, who has engaged another attorney to appeal her case and attain justice, has nothing good to say about "The Willie Gary Team."

On April 22, 2018, the *New York Post* reported "Detectives from the sex-crimes unit reached out to Luisa Esposito of West Hempstead, LI, earlier this month to say that her 2005 accusation against allegedly lecherous elderly lawyer Allen Isaac is one of a handful of unresolved cases they are revisiting in the wake of the damning probe into their division."