

**MESSAGE FROM RAYMOND E. CRONKITE,
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A long overdue message to the thousands of past loyal friends of the Maine Aquarium and to all of you who were looking forward to a new Maine Aquarium:

First, the Maine Aquarium that had operated year-round for 12 & ½ years in Saco, Maine on a 70-acre tract of land off U.S. Rt. 1 (across the street from FunTown, USA) was closed by way of fraud and corruption. That story has never made the news.

You would have had a new Maine Aquarium 11 years ago at 59 Elm Street in Biddeford, Maine in a six story, 160,000 s.f. concrete building on the waterfront of the Saco River.

In addition to what had been planned to convert the building at 59 Elm Street into the new Maine Aquarium...also to be included was the installation of a cancer research center, and home also to serve as an adjunct educational center for one of the nearby universities.

Through the efforts of former Maine State Senator Nancy Sullivan who introduced me and all my information to the Maine Economic Development Commission staff members at the Maine State Capital in Augusta, Maine so I could make my presentation there before them in my seeking \$1.5 million to complete the exterior siding of the buildings on the Aquarium Property, to install all the aquatic exhibits, and to improve the interior and exterior esthetics of the galleries. These members were all ecstatic about the Maine Aquarium project and the late John Richardson, then Commissioner of the Economic Development Commission assured me that my request for the funding would be approved, largely in part because the equity was there and the project would be good for Maine...but the corruption occurred swiftly thereafter and Judge Haines took the "Aquarium Property" away from me by allowing fraud and corruption to occur.

I know...hard to believe but this case is pending in court even now, as it has been for the past 11 years, with plans to move it forward to the U.S. Supreme Court because Judge James B. Haines, Jr., the original judge in this case, was excessively partial to a predator mortgage broker and violated rules under the 5th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, that is, he vehemently ignored our rights to due process with one mission in mind: to force ownership of this valuable real estate to pass on to an investor.

Judge Haines did not follow constitutional rules, held a court hearing behind closed doors kangaroo court style, knowing full well that the debtor, the party in interest, and creditors would all be denied their rights to due process as guaranteed under the 5th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The stealing of this valuable property took place very ‘simply’ by having three participating officers of the court cooperating with each other at a hearing held prior to normal, public court hours and scheduled such that no creditor would be aware of the hearing, and so long as neither of them would file any objections.

Those three officers of the court were Judge Haines, Attorney James Molleur of the Molleur Law Office in Biddeford, Maine (representing myself) and Attorney Richard Olson of PerkinsOlson, PA of Portland, Maine who filed a fraudulent foreclosure action on behalf of Pioneer Capital Corporation, a predator mortgage brokerage firm and which went out of business not long after this corrupt transaction. PerkinsOlson, PA also closed its law practice.

Attorney David Perkins (partner with Attorney Richard Olson) once represented the Maine Aquarium in Saco who I later dismissed, is the common denominator associated with the demise of the Maine Aquarium in Saco, AND, with the demise of the re-development of the Maine Aquarium at 59 Elm Street in Biddeford. Attorney Perkins is sibling brother to Donald Perkins, President of the Gulf of Maine Aquarium in Portland, Maine (a competitor with the Maine Aquarium).

Attorney Molleur and Attorney Olson each filed ‘flagrantly’, fraudulent documents in court, made constant fraudulent statements which constitutes “fraud upon the court” in an effort to sway the judicial machinery of the court, and Judge Haines never challenged any of the obviously, flagrantly fraudulent documents and statements.

In a hearing that lasted 17 minutes Judge Haines participated with these two attorneys in causing my ownership of the Aquarium Property real estate to be sent immediately to auction for the benefit of two local bidders and for which the high bidder ...Alpine Realty was not a good faith buyer as “prescribed by law” and under such circumstances Judge Haines’s order to allow the sale can, and should be reversed.

Partners in Alpine Realty are Arthur Girard and Diane Doyle. They are not good faith buyers as prescribed by law because 1) documents are available proving that they were fully aware of my pending appeal and chose to gamble their purchase anyway; and 2) they sent into court a hired real estate agent for the purpose of tainting the judicial machinery and corrupting the impartial functions of the court.

They shortly thereafter changed the name of ownership from Alpine Realty to Fifty Nine Elm Street, LLC.

These partners employed the services of a real estate agent by the name of Thomas Moulton of the Dunham Group in Portland, Maine to appear in court to stand ready to testify that the entire Aquarium Property with both buildings and 3.54 acres of waterfront land was worth only \$175,000. Reason? If the value is less than the amount of the lien (\$225,000) then it would allow the court to dispose of the Aquarium Property for it would be deemed to have no equity and ineffective toward a reorganization plan. These are activities of a bad faith buyer.

Another example, Attorney Molleur filed a fraudulent financial statement to the court stating that my total assets (including the Aquarium Property, my oceanfront home, and all the Maine Aquarium exhibits and peripheral equipment) had a total value of \$0 to \$50,000 and liabilities of \$1 million to \$10 million. When I had noticed this mindless, gross error before the court hearing I demanded Attorney Molleur to correct it, but he refused to correct it and told Judge Haines all information he provided was accurate. Reason? Say anything, do anything, and produce any documents necessary to allow the Aquarium Property to go to auction because Molleur and Olson, both lifelong legal experts knew that judges just don't want to get involved with reversing other judges' orders.

This case is entirely about fraud and corruption in the judiciary...specifically, corrupt attorneys who are members of the Maine Bar Association...and by involvement by persons in other professions.

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 60(b)3 allows for relief from a judgment or order on the basis of fraud ... misrepresentation, or misconduct by an opposing party.

Judges have consistently issued dismissals of my appeals out of protecting corrupt attorneys and by not having the integrity or stature to reverse Judge Haines' order that was predicated entirely upon fraud, fraud upon the court, partiality, collusion, and corruption, and also importantly...deprived rights to due process to the two parties in interest and to all the creditors.

For an example, I filed a complaint against Attorney Molleur in York County Superior Court with allegations of fraud and corruption but Judge John O'Neil immediately dismissed it on a reason that did not and could not apply, therefore, I appealed it to the Maine Supreme Court where it was promptly dismissed by Judge Ellen A. Gorman because I was entitled to file 150 pages double sided in my appendix but I had accidentally filed 151 pages double sided. This should give you

the idea of how judges protect corrupt or favored members of the Maine Bar Association.

I filed a further complaint to the Maine Board of Overseers which turned out to also be promptly dismissed. It was a farce, and this confirms that the Maine Judiciary can at times be a disgrace.

Current Pending News

I forwarded information about this matter of fraud and corruption and of the pending legal court case to Alan Casavant (Mayor of Biddeford), James Bennett (City Manager of Biddeford), and to all members of the Biddeford City Council.

In spite of having been noticed of these activities the City Council voted in favor (5 to 4) two weeks ago to initiate a 2nd referendum question on the current voting ballot to have Biddeford taxpayers pay for a bond to provide millions of dollars to a would-be developer of the Aquarium Property to construct apartments.

Instead of separating this referendum question for this private developer the city combined question # 2 with an additional question of asking Biddeford taxpayers if they would agree to raise property taxes for a bond to repair certain streets of Biddeford.

In a recent local news article, it was mentioned that the building at 59 Elm Street is dilapidated. nothing could be further from the truth. The outer 'skin' of the building is in disrepair but the building itself is built like a fortress with such magnificent strength that the U.S. Government has rated it as a nuclear fallout shelter and the insurance industry has rated it as a fireproof building. See last of two photos attached.

I agree with Mayor Alan Casavant that it currently looks like an eyesore but that would not have been the case had fraud and corruption not intervened and then be protected by the judiciary. See photos of architect renderings of the planned, re-development of the Maine Aquarium at

<http://maineaquarium.org/messagephotos.html>

The Saco Lowell Mill building eyesore is the result of:

- corrupt attorneys
- judges protecting corrupt attorneys
- corrupt activities in courts

- news media choosing not to report the corruption
- corrupt developers
- corrupt investors

Those individuals are the *invisible eyesore* in Biddeford, in Maine, and in Massachusetts.

Just because this corruption has not been disclosed by the news media for the past 11 years does not mean that all is well in Biddeford or anywhere else in Maine. Fraud and corruption are a serious problem in Maine as it likely is anywhere else. Residents in Maine are not exempt from the fraud and corruption that exists in likely all professions in Maine.

An attempt by a news publisher in the past wanting to make the fraud and corruption his feature front page story (based on evidence) was threatened by an attorney who would arrange to have him forced out of business by engaging him in constant lawsuits that he would not be able to operate his publication.

A recently retired attorney from the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. has reviewed this case entirely and stated that it is a clear 'RICO' case. RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

If Biddeford proceeds with its planned agreement between the city council and developers of the Aquarium Property, all city officials will be complicit in all the wrongdoing that has taken place over the past 11 years.

Biddeford city officials cannot pretend that they were unaware of the corruption that has surrounded activities in Judge Haines' courtroom and the fraudulent auction of the Saco Lowell Mill, i.e., the Aquarium Property. They can either choose to end this fraud or become participants in it.

Biddeford city councilors, past and present, as well as the mayor and city manager have all been placed on notice of the illegal activities that have taken place with regards to the Aquarium Property and the Saco Lowell Mill at 59 Elm Street & 10 Gooch Street, and illegal activities do not become legal activities just because some individuals do not like the eyesore at the gateway to the City of Biddeford, or when it changes ownership.

It is 'extremely' difficult to find a Maine attorney willing to sue another Maine attorney or to sue a judge because they feel that doing so would either be career suicide or they fear retribution from other members of the Maine Bar Association.

The Maine Bar Association also has other protective measures that contribute to protecting corrupt attorneys by requiring out of state attorneys to also either be licensed by the Maine Bar Association, and if not, the out of state attorney must be 'invited' by a member of the Maine Bar Association to partake in representing a Maine resident by a term known as 'pro hac vice'.

'Pro hac vice' is a rule that I intend to address again because ultimately, I believe that every U.S. citizen should be entitled to obtain legal representation from an out of state attorney (if necessary) when other processes have failed. Even criminals are entitled to legal representation and to even have their legal representative paid by the taxpayers when the criminal cannot afford to meet the legal expenses.

I recognize that my time to bring this 11-year long case of corruption to the public's attention is limited, so if anyone wishes to learn more about the 'specifics' of the corruption surrounding the judicial system in Maine and Massachusetts and the names of each judge who has dismissed my complaint and appeals, and the reason each gave for a basis to dismiss the complaint/appeal with the effect of protecting corruption, or, not wanting to get involved in allegations of corruption, or not wanting to engage in reversing another judge's order out of loyalty or convenience...then I would encourage you to visit this site again on occasions for updates and more specific evidence of how the fraud and corruption occurred, and the legal remedies and financial restitution I am seeking.

Lawsuits against me for posting this letter would not be surprising but if so, I would finally get my day in court rather than the judges having dismissed my complaints and appeals all this time.

Furthermore, I find it is important that the public has a good understanding, or at least a better understanding, as to what happened to the Maine Aquarium in Saco when I was forced into closure and I donated all the live, aquatic animals from rare blue lobsters, penguins, harbor seals, 6+ foot long sharks, and everything in between, to public aquariums all across the United States.

The Maine news media has been hushed on all of this and so I am taking this opportunity to expose it...as best as I can.

Lastly, what I have mentioned here is nothing to be proud about, but I am doing so in my quest for correction and to alert the people for the good of the people.

Thank you.

Raymond E. Cronkite