

Relevant cases regarding Stephen B. Lopez:

**Lonestar Cellular Trust
Stephen B. Lopez, Trustee
Case # 1-00-PR148584, Santa Clara County**

The Grantors (Thomas and Jerie Smith) gave Mr. Lopez, as Trustee, authority to deposit \$6,483,549 into his attorney-client account and allowed him access to the Trust funds.

On or about May 8th, 2000, Mr. Lopez transferred the funds into two (2) Brokerage accounts. To date he has not given back to the Trust over \$2,500,000 and refuses to tell the Court where the funds are located. He has not given any accounting for the funds. Mr. Lopez was jailed for five (5) days in contempt of Court. Mr. Lopez was removed as Trustee of the Trust.

Mr. And Mrs. Smith have suffered a great deal, emotionally, financially, and physically, with Mr. Smith having suffered a stroke this past Feb./March from the distress of this situation.

**J.E.T. Trust
Stephen B. Lopez, Trustee
Case #PR 41476, Santa Cruz County**

Lopez was Trustee of the J.E.T Trust, an irrevocable trust. The assets from the Trust were in the possession of the Trustees, excessive fees were charged, and assets were liquidated. Parties in the Trust had made a \$55,000 loan to a client of Mr. Lopez and they were given a Note and Deed of Trust against a home in Grass Valley. The house was in foreclosure and subsequently sold at a loss.

The Trustee converted all the assets of the Trust. Lopez was removed as Trustee of the Trust.

**Kennedy Bypass Trust, Irrevocable
Stephen B. Lopez, Trustee
Case # POO-00727, Contra Costa County**

The Kennedy Trust (revocable) was formed in 1998; Stephen B. Lopez was the Trustee. On the death of Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Lopez formed the Kennedy Bypass Trust, an irrevocable trust. Mr. Lopez took the assets of the Trust and commingled them with another Trust and as many as 14 other different clients in his Lopez Westesen & Company account. He refused to give Mrs. Kennedy an accounting of the condition of the Kennedy Bypass Trust; he refused to be replaced as Trustee and used the assets of the Trust for his own benefit. This case ended in a judgment against Mr. Lopez and a removal of him as Trustee of the Kennedy Bypass Trust. Mrs. Kennedy is approx. 90 years old.