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## **LAWYERS' IDENTITIES BEING USED FOR FAKE WEBSITES AND SOLICITATIONS**

A recent scam has surfaced in which the identify of a Texas attorney, who had not practiced in years, was used to set up a fake law firm website using the attorney's maiden name, former office address, and portions of her professional biography. Other attorneys have complained about the use of their names and professional information to solicit legal work. All attorneys should be on the alert to this scam.

If you become aware of the same or a similar, situation involving your name/law firm you should immediately report the incident to local authorities, your state Bar, and the FBI at the Internet Crime Complaint Center, IC3.gov. Additionally, be sure to closely monitor your credit report or bank accounts to ensure that your identity is not the only thing being stolen.

If you have been a victim of an internet scam or have received an e-mail that you believe was an attempted scam, please file a complaint at [www.IC3.gov](http://www.IC3.gov).