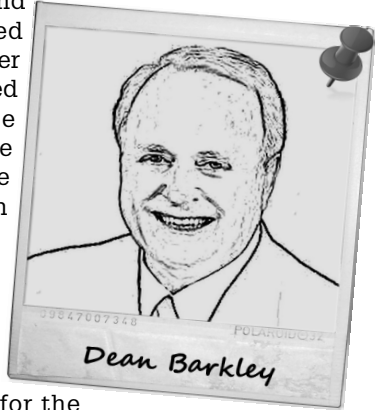


# Where's The Money?

Behind the Scenes of the Petters Scam: Part 15

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The Stop the Petters Scam Foundation, the sponsor of this series of ads revealing behind-the-scenes maneuvers in the Tom Petters criminal and bankruptcy cases, is expanding its efforts to secure justice for Petters' victims and creditors. Our efforts were interrupted when the Minneapolis Star Tribune, after printing nine of the ads, abruptly refused to publish the six remaining in the planned series. We now are running the ads in the Pioneer Press. Meanwhile, we have retained former U.S. Senator Dean Barkley as our general counsel.



"We saw justice done when a jury convicted Tom Petters of cheating people out of billions of dollars," Barkley says. "Unfortunately, it isn't clear at all that justice is being done for the many victims and creditors who are looking to get at least some of their money back." He will continue the Foundation's review of its legal options following the Star Tribune's sudden decision to yank the political advocacy ads.

Barkley is well known to Minnesotans as the chairman of the independent campaign that put Jesse Ventura in the governor's office in 1998. Barkley also completed the Senate term of the late Paul Wellstone and then ran for a Senate seat as an independent in 2008.

The Stop the Petters Scam Foundation was founded by attorney Garrett Vail, who has been hot on Petters' trail since 1999 when he first approached law enforcement officials with evidence of Petters' frauds. Vail also announced that the Foundation has acquired a helping hand in its grassroots campaign for victims' and creditors' rights. Citizens Against Unjust Seizures, Inc. (CAUS), based in the Washington, D.C. area, is a new public interest group fighting governmental abuses of its asset-forfeiture powers in criminal and bankruptcy cases. CAUS has named Gary Nordlinger as its executive director. As a public affairs consultant, Nordlinger has provided political and communications strategy for hundreds of public officials, associations, labor unions, and corporations in twenty-eight countries on six continents.

On still another front, independent filmmaker Ryan Frost has produced *The Second Fraud*, a documentary about how Petters' Ponzi scheme was followed by the efforts of a ring of professionals to loot Petters' remaining assets. *The Second Fraud* will be screened in the Twin Cities soon — watch for show times and venues.

**Tomorrow: As citizens organize to fight forfeiture and bankruptcy scams, which public officials will stand up for victims' rights?**

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