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**JACKSON ATTORNEY SENTENCED TO 32 MONTHS IN PRISON
FOR BANKRUPTCY FRAUD, WIRE FRAUD AND MONEY LAUNDERING**

Jackson, Miss. - JOHN A. ALLEN, an attorney and resident of Jackson, Mississippi, was sentenced on November 5, 2008 to serve 32 months in the Bureau of Prisons, followed by three years of supervised release, for violations of bankruptcy fraud, wire fraud and money laundering, announced U. S. Attorney Dunn Lampton and U. S. Trustee, R. Michael Bolen. The Court also ordered Allen to forfeit proceeds from the fraud totaling approximately \$139,475.23.

Allen pled guilty in July to knowingly and fraudulently concealing property, specifically \$21,925.23, from the trustee charged with control of the debtor's property, from creditors and from the United States Trustee, all in connection with a bankruptcy case filed in the Southern District of Mississippi, with the intent to defeat the provisions of Title 11, in violation of Sections 152 and 2, Title 18, United States Code

According to the factual basis, Allen would obtain funds from his clients for the stated purpose of extinguishing debt and working with creditors, but would instead convert the funds to his personal bank accounts for his own use. Allen would cause funds to be transmitted by means of wire communication, thereby committing wire fraud and money laundering.

The restitution portion of the sentencing has been scheduled for December 11, 2008.

The Office of the U. S. Trustee referred the matter to the U. S. Attorney for prosecution and Assistant U. S. Attorney Carla Clark prosecuted the case.

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