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**LITTLE ROCK ATTORNEY CONVICTED OF  
AIDING AND ABETTING TAX EVASION**

**Little Rock** – Jane W. Duke, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, announced today that Little Rock attorney Barry Jewell was convicted by a federal jury of aiding and abetting tax evasion. Jewell, age 49, formerly practiced as a tax specialist with the now-defunct law firm of Jewell & Moser, P.A.

Jewell's conviction comes after a three week trial in which he was also charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud and three counts of money laundering. During the course of the trial, the United States dismissed the three money laundering counts. The jury acquitted Jewell of the conspiracy count.

Duke stated, "The result in this case should send a clear message that the IRS and the Department of Justice will aggressively pursue the professionals who counsel tax cheating. This was not a situation in which Mr. Jewell was simply assisting his client in avoiding the payment of taxes through the use of tax shelters and loopholes. Jewell's conduct included affirmatively lying and back-dating documents, all so he could generate a sizeable legal fee based on the client's tax savings. By doing so, Jewell violated the law and his client's trust."

Jewell's sentencing date has not yet been set, but he faces a potential statutory punishment of up to five years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$100,000. This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys George Vena and Laura Hoey.

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