

United States v. Michael T. Toole

Middle District of Pennsylvania Docket Number

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Case Summary:

Judge Michael T. Toole of Wilkes-Barre, is charged with honest services fraud and subscribing to a materially false federal income tax return. He is alleged to have corruptly abused his position as a judge by concealing an ongoing financial relationship with an attorney who appeared before him and by improperly ruling in the attorney's favor in a proceeding relating to an uninsured/underinsured motorist arbitration matter. Judge Toole is also alleged to have received a cash referral fee of approximately \$30,000 during calendar year 2006 which he failed to report on his federal income tax return that year. The charges together carry a maximum penalty of 23 years in prison and a fine of \$350,000.