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## MAITLEN, GERANT JOSEPH

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Public censure on August 19, 1996. During a period of personal financial problems, he filed a bankruptcy on behalf of a client and advised her as to miscellaneous other matters. After she was discharged from the bankruptcy, he purchased the client's home and had her deed the home to a trust for his children. Maitlen also had marital problems, divorced his wife and remarried. He sold his home and was able to purchase a new one as a result of what he called a \$26,000 loan from his former client. However, there was a trust agreement prepared by his then partner, Anthony Avery, which indicated that the \$26,000 was a gift. In this situation, a further corporation by the name of "Jelisco" was created and Jelisco received the \$26,000. This was to be a company holding money in trust for Maitlen's children but it was never actually incorporated.



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