

The Swamp's Reunion: 5.5 Years After Defrauding a Federal Judge, the SEC and an Insider Lawyer Team Up to "Teach" Ethics

It sounds like a bad joke, but it is the grim reality of our two-tiered justice system. On February 26, 2026, the Federal Bar Association hosted a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminar. The featured speakers?

SEC Prosecutor Amie Berlin and private attorney Shane Heskin!

Yes, you read that right. The very same duo who teamed up 5.5 years ago to orchestrate one of the most egregious, bad-faith takedowns of an American business in recent history are now being elevated by the legal establishment to teach other lawyers about "risk" and liability. The irony isn't just hysterical; it is a sickening reminder of how the Deep State operates to protect its own.

The 2020 Conspiracy: A Fraud on the Court

To understand exactly how deep the swamp gets, you have to look back at how the weaponized SEC obtained its Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) against Par Funding in July 2020.

As outlined in Docket Entry 663, the government didn't conduct an honest, unbiased investigation. Instead, SEC prosecutor Amie Berlin effectively outsourced her job to Shane Heskin—a private, financially motivated attorney who had spent years losing in federal court while on a personal crusade against Par Funding.

Berlin needed a smoking gun to justify a massive government overreach, and Heskin happily supplied the ammunition. He handed the SEC a fabricated narrative built on:

Defective and manipulated "default rate" analyses.

Biased, hastily thrown-together declarations from his own clients.

Outright perjured testimony designed to destroy a successful business.

Instead of doing her constitutional duty to verify this "evidence," Berlin took Heskin's tainted, perjurious declarations and marched them straight into federal court. Together, they conspired to trick Judge Rodolfo Ruiz into signing an ex-parte TRO.

By hiding the truth and presenting Heskin's fabricated lies as undeniable facts, they committed a massive fraud on the court. They weaponized the bench to freeze assets, authorize military-style raids on family homes, and crush a legitimate business before anyone even had a chance to defend themselves.

The Two-Tiered Justice System on Full Display

In any normal, functioning republic, an attorney who delivers perjured testimony to the government, and the federal prosecutor who blindly uses it to deceive a federal judge, would be facing severe sanctions, disbarment, or worse. But in the insider club of the administrative state, there is zero accountability.

Now, exactly 5.5 years after pulling off this fraud on the court, Berlin and Heskin are not facing the music. Instead, they are reuniting on a virtual stage, co-presenting a Bar Association seminar to broadcast their "expertise" to the rest of the legal community. The architects of a fraudulent, weaponized legal takedown are literally teaching other lawyers the ropes.

This is exactly why everyday Americans have lost all faith in our institutions. The system is rigged to destroy the outsiders while the insiders who pull the strings are rewarded with speaking engagements and glowing praise from the establishment.

It is time to drag these cozy relationships into the sunlight. The truth about the 2020 TRO is in the public docket, and no amount of Bar Association seminars can cover up the fraud they committed to get it.