

NRA in Danger

NRA's internal scandals imperil its survival

Brewer Scorecard

We're blogged in the past about [Bill Brewer's dismal record representing NRA, how much he is billing the non-profit](#), and on [how badly things turned out for his client, rapper 50 cents](#). We later found a ruling [refusing to dismiss the case against NRA Foundation](#). We just found another case of his courtroom performance, showing the gap between promises and boasting, and success.

The probate and trust issues surrounding the mega-wealthy Hunt family of Texas came to a head when the Albert Hunt III, the great-grandson of the patriarch, [sued to challenge the family trust and block the sale of their oil company](#). Albert Hunt III retained Bill Brewer, who went in proclaiming he had the “smoking gun” that would give Albert III a sure win.

“In the complaint filed in state district court, Albert III accused Tom of hiding Hunt Petroleum's true value from the trusts' beneficiaries, of conspiring with the family to cheat the tax man, and of raiding the trusts to finance other family deals. . . . The lawsuit was prepared by high-flying Dallas attorney Bill Brewer, of Bickel & Brewer. Under the section of the suit titled “Defendants' Shameless Campaign of Non-Disclosure, Browbeating, Threats, and Dirty Tricks,” Al III describes a summer meeting. . . .

But now Al Jr.'s lawyer, Mike Lynn, is fighting to get Brewer disqualified from the case on the grounds that Brewer allegedly prepared a lawsuit against his own client.

Brewer, meanwhile, claims to have a smoking gun. . . . If someone did rewrite the “irrevocable” disclaimer letter, then the second version is a fraud, Brewer says. “And it's game, set, and match on the critical issue in the case,” he says. “

But [here's how it turned out](#),

“Albert III was eventually disinherited, alienating himself from the family business, and Hunt Petroleum was sold to XTO Energy. In April of this year, his wife and he were indicted on multiple felony counts of mortgage fraud, arising after the couple lied about their income to obtain a home improvement loan.”

As [another writer put it](#), “Hunt heirs will get to participate in the upside by retaining 23 million shares of XTO as part of the deal. Al III, unfortunately for him, lawsuitsed himself out of his piece of the fortune through his disinheritance. Imagine what an MBA and BS in Petro Engineering might have gotten Al III. King in waiting for the family fortune. If you’ve got complaints about how the ship is being steered, it’s much more effective to be captain than pirate.”

We can’t resist adding [Dallas magazine’s comment](#), “Here an aside: the son originally employed as his primary counsel Bill Brewer, of the firm Bickel & Brewer, which is likely one reason that many in Dallas assumed the son had no legitimate claim.”

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