

Brunsting. Mr. Featherston is a former associate attorney of Mr. Mendel, and previously assisted Mr. Mendel with the defense of Co-Trustee Anita Brunsting.

2.2. In addition to suing Messrs. Mendel and Featherston, plaintiffs sued nine (9) other attorneys, two (2) probate judges, and a court reporter for violations of the Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organization Act (RICO).

2.3. Plaintiffs alleged that all of the defendants were part of a conspiracy in which several Houston area law firms and Harris County Probate Court No. 4 worked in concert to defraud heirs of their inheritances in order to enrich themselves. Plaintiffs' dubbed this alleged entity as the "Harris County Tomb Raiders, a/k/a the Probate Mafia."

2.4. Plaintiffs allege that they were harmed by the Tomb Raiders through its involvement in a related probate case pending in Harris County Probate Court No. 4, under C.A. No. 412249-401, *Estate of Nelva Brunsting, Deceased*. In particular, Mr. Featherston allegedly committed acts of illegal wiretapping and extortion in furtherance of the conspiracy. Both Messrs. Mendel and Featherston were allegedly involved in a conspiracy within the larger conspiracy to induce plaintiff Curtis to sign away valuable trust interests through extortion by way of a "sham mediation."

2.5. For the Court's benefit, plaintiff Curtis and her siblings participated in a mediation in August 2014. No other mediation has occurred. Since Messrs. Mendel and Featherston did not make an appearance as counsel of record until November 2014, it is impossible for them to be involved in a "sham mediation."

2.6. In Spring 2016, the Probate Court ordered a mediation among the parties, and that mediation was scheduled for July 2016, but the mediation never occurred. As such, assuming arguendo that a mediation is a course of conduct not protected by the Texas attorney immunity