

# The Legal Beagle

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## Too Easy for DUI Drivers to Get Back on the Road?

Massachusetts Law states that the RMV must calculate the length of a drunk driver's suspension of his or her license from the date of the driver's conviction, not from when the agency learns about it. William B.

DiGregorio, who is a chiropractor in Massachusetts, is scheduled to get his license back next year;

four years earlier than the RMV wanted. He was convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol in 1997 in

Massachusetts. He was convicted of the same offense in 2000 and 2004 in Connecticut. The Connecticut

RMV did not formally report his convictions until 2007 and tried to push back his suspension time until 2016. After three drunk

driving arrests, this man only lost his license for eight years? He is lucky that he didn't kill or injure himself or others. The RMV believes he is a threat to other drivers, but DiGregorio stands up for himself and says that he is not. He says that he has been sober for six years. Hopefully this chance will not result in any more DUI arrests for him, or worse...



## Legal Aid to Poor Bills Increase

In 2010, private lawyers were paid \$155.6 million by the state to represent poor clients. That adds up to twenty-five percent more than the anticipated budget passed in a state law in 2005. This number is a thirty million dollar increase since 2006.

There were other parts of that law that were not followed, such as some actions that would have decreased the dependence on private lawyers, the fees they

are paid, and the definition of who qualifies for legal aid provided by the state. Unfortunately, the way that this law came about was because private lawyers kept demanding more and more money for their services, or they would stop representing the clients. Now, the state Committee for Public Counsel Services and Governor Deval Patrick are working to fix this

budget, so more money can be spent elsewhere. Patrick proposed hiring 1,000 full time lawyers

which would slash the cost of using private lawyers by forty-five million dollars. The people who cannot afford a lawyer for

their representation still have a right to an attorney and this is a way that right can be ensured.



### special points of interest:

- Plans of a Statue of Bill Russell in the making
- This Parole Board made a big mistake, find out what happened
- Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day in the most Irish place
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## Doubts on a Parole Decision



Charles W. Doucette Jr., of Beverly, was paroled three years ago after he was

serving seven life sentences behind bars for murder. This past Valentine's Day, he was arrested again for assaulting his girlfriend by dragging her into a car and telling her he would put a bullet

in her head if she called the police. This parole board was already under intense review, especially after the incident that happened two months ago. They had released a parolee that killed a police officer and he later ended up dying in a shootout with police during an attempted robbery. The parole board is saying that they may have overlooked some facts about the case when they decided to

parole Doucette. Unfortunately, this man has had way too many chances. In August of 2008, he was also charged with raping a Haverrill woman and the grand jury declined to indict him. Even after this charge, the parole board still allowed him to remain free. The family's of the victims of Doucette's violent past believe he should never be let out of jail again and they feel safer with him off the streets and behind bars.

## Bill Russell Honored

Present Obama gave this Celtic's Legend, Bill Russell, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Obama said many admirable things about this man, who was not only a great basketball player but a leader in civil rights. While speaking about Russell in his speech, Obama stated "Bill Russell, the man, is someone who stood up for the rights and dignity of all men. He marched with King; he stood by Ali. When a restaurant refused to serve the black Celtics,

he refused to play in the scheduled game. He endured insults and vandalism, but he kept on focusing on making the teammates who he loved better players, and made possible the success of so many who would follow. I hope that one day, in the streets of Boston, children will look up at a statue built not only to Bill Russell the player, but Bill Russell the man." Mayor Menino has wanted to build a statue of Russell in Boston for years, but it has gotten

past the decision state. President Obama supports this idea and believes that a

statue should be built of Russell for all the kids of Boston to look up to. Russell was a major part in moving the city forward in its fight against racism, but also was a major part on the Celtics as they won 11 championships in 13 years. Bill Russell was an outstanding man and deserves to be acknowledged.



## Big Business Men to Part Time Workers

The economy is still weak, but it looks as though there is hope for it to be revived and businesses are thrilled. They are increasing their management teams to help their company grow.

Smaller companies are bringing in executives only a few days a month, because they cannot afford a full time position. Monster.com



reported that the number of part time executive position openings nearly tripled from 2008. There are 824,000 unemployed executives in the United States, and many are willing to work multiple jobs to piece together close to a

full-time salary. Although there are some downsides to working part time, which include no health insurance or stock options and the

risk of being laid off first if a company runs into any trouble financially. Despite this, there are some surprising pros; there is a lot more flexibility and variety in their work. For example, Leo Casey is a part time chief financial officer for seven firms. This is a big change from being the president of a software company in 2008 before it was sold. Now, he makes about \$200 an hour and is happy.

## Bouncers on a Power Trip



Easton Byfield, of Oxford, was working as a bouncer for one of the clubs in Worcester when he was arrested for assault and battery, unarmed robbery, and filing a false police report. These charges came up when a video that was up on

Youtube was anonymously showed to the Police. The Worcester Police Department checked it out and found that Byfield had allegedly assaulted a patron of the club. He punched the victim in the face four times after he locked the door and did not let him leave. The bouncer is also heard on the video saying “you’re

lucky I didn't take you to the basement and dismantle you... you're lucky you're able to walk out of here alive.” Then, he took the victim's wallet and stole the cash out of it. He was arrested for filing a false police report because he told Police that the victim had tried to assault him in the bathroom, which is seen to be untrue in the video.

## Genzyme Buyout Advantages

Genzyme, Massachusetts' largest biotechnology company and a pioneer of its industry, has been sold to Sanofi-Aventis SA for \$20.1 billion. This buyout makes history for this biotechnical industry by being the biggest corporate acquisition in the world this year and the second largest in history.



Genzyme was founded in 1981 and has been developing drugs for rare genetic disorders. Sanofi is the world's fourth largest drug maker and has developed drugs like Plavix, which is a blood thinner. They are hoping this buyout will help bring them into the US market. Sanofi agreed to keep most of

Massachusetts' 4,500 employees and pay \$72 per share upfront. On the Nasdaq, Genzyme shares increased from \$2.53 to \$74.30 and Sanofi shares rose \$.65 to \$34.49. This buyout could be one of the best deals for both Genzyme and Sanofi.

## Luck O' The Irish

South Boston is one of the most Irish neighborhoods in the United States and the people love to celebrate it, especially around Saint Patrick's Day. Since 1901 the parade has been



a major part in many people's celebrations and in South Boston's history. Even if you're not Irish, wear some green and go down to South Boston to watch the parade. It is on Sunday March 20 at 1:00 pm. It starts at the Broadway T Station and will have many floats, music from marching bands, and bag pipe bands from all

over America. The parade is a display for all of the viewers who will be celebrating the meaning of being Irish all day long!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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