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## Bar Assoc Lawyers Say Lawyers Can Hide Knowledge of Serious Crime.

### **According to the Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyers Have Special Rights to Hide Knowledge of Serious Crimes**

I recently filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Bar Association against Sue Curtin, a trial attorney for the Securities and Exchange Commission. I claimed that Sue Curtin engaged in unethical and illegal behavior by withholding knowledge of serious crimes from the Department of Justice.

During the investigation of a whistleblower complaint, Sue Curtin found out that the three credit rating agencies, Moodys, Fitch and S&P issued fraudulent credit ratings on seventy billion dollars in municipal bonds. This resulted in the theft of almost fifty billion dollars from tens of millions of Americans. The SEC has no power to prosecute crimes, it only regulates the financial industry.

According to the President of the Massachusetts Bar Association, Mr. Luke, it may be illegal for U.S. citizens to do this but it is okay for lawyers. It is not unethical; it is within Sue Curtin's discretion. Let's play this out. Another lawyer for the FDIC finds out during a bank audit that the President of the bank stole twenty million dollars from the bank. The FDIC lawyer fails to report the crime. According to Mr. Luke, that is not unethical because lawyers have special rights?

Does this feel right to anyone? Or, is it just one unethical group of attorneys covering for another unethical group of attorneys?

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