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THIS WEEK IN THE NEWS

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TOP HEADLINES

A.G. Underwood Files Lawsuit Challenging Trump Administration Family Separation Policy

A.G. Underwood filed a lawsuit challenging the Trump Administration's policy of forced family separation on the U.S. southern border. The lawsuit argues that the Trump Administration has violated the constitutional due process rights of the parents and children by separating them as a matter of course and without any finding that the parent poses a threat to the children.



Additionally, A.G. Underwood along with a coalition of 18 Attorneys General, asked a federal judge to order the federal government to provide details about and access to victims of the Trump administration's family separation policy on an expedited schedule, part of a new filing in their lawsuit to block the policy. The Attorneys General also filed a total of 99 declarations from individuals, organizations, agencies, and experts impacted by the Trump administration's policy, including from parents and children who were separated.

In Other News...

A.G. Underwood announced a settlement resolving an investigation into Original Media LLC, which produced "Swamp People," "Miami Ink," for failing to pay scores of employees required overtime.

The office secured a 2nd Circuit opinion blocking the Trump administration's delay of a critical fuel efficiency standards penalty rule—marking a key win in the fight to protect New Yorkers' health and environment.

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A.G. Underwood Announces Conviction And Sentencing Of Tech Firm And Former Chief Executive Officer In Massive Securities Fraud Scheme

A.G. Underwood announced the conviction and sentencing of Freevi Corp., d/b/a Sungame Corp. (“Sungame”), and former Sungame Chief Executive Officer Neil Chandran, 47, of Nevada. On April 27, 2018, both Sungame and Chandran pleaded guilty to Grand Larceny and Securities Fraud. Sungame and Chandran were sentenced to pay \$768,000 in restitution and to execute over \$2,100,000 in judgments in favor of their New York State victims, and were permanently banned from engaging in the distribution, sale, or purchase of any securities or commodities within or from New York State.

A.G. Underwood Announces Indictment Of Financial Advisor Thomas Lagan For Stealing From Family Trusts He Oversaw In \$9 Million Scheme

A.G. Underwood announced the grand jury indictment of financial advisor and lawyer Thomas Lagan for a scheme in which he and former Town of Guilderland Judge Richard Sherwood plundered over \$9 million from family trusts they were responsible for overseeing.

A.G. Underwood — Part Of 11 AG Coalition — Investigates No-Poach Agreements At National Franchises

A.G. Underwood — part of a coalition of 11 Attorneys General — sent a letter today to eight national fast food franchisors about “no-poach” agreements in franchise contracts, which restrict a franchisee’s ability to recruit or hire employees of another franchisee of the same chain.

In Other News...

On Tuesday, July 10th, the office hosted a gun buyback event in Utica where 169 guns were turned in. The Attorney General’s office has now collected over 2,000 firearms across New York since the launch of its statewide gun buyback program in 2013.

Bespoke tailor H. Huntsman & Sons must pay a \$250,000 settlement for selling and delivering approximately \$1.6 million worth of garments & other goods to customers in New York without collecting or remitting New York State and local sales tax.

A.G. Underwood announced a settlement with a Niagara Falls landlord for including numerous illegal clauses in his residential leases. He must pay a fine of \$5,000 and provide tenants with leases that comply with the law.

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