

This Is The Law

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FOOTBALL GAMES

Is it a criminal offense to bet on the outcome of a football game?

Yes. It is an offense against the criminal law of the state. The fact that the game itself is one of skill and endurance on the part of two groups of football players does not confer immunity upon those who wager its results.

Murphy promises Cohen to pay him ten dollars if the X football team beats the Y football team, in consideration of which Cohen promises Murphy to pay five dollars if the Y football team beats the X football team. The X football team defeats the Y football team. May Cohen recover ten dollars from Murphy in a court of law?

No. The agreement is a wager or bet. It is void and illegal. The courts will not assist one in the collection of his gambling debts.

Mills bet Gardner one hundred dollars on the outcome of a football game. Gardner's team lost. Gardner paid to Mills the agreed one hundred dollars. May Gardner recover the one hundred dollars in a court of law.

No. The bet was illegal. As a general rule, the law will refuse to aid either party to an illegal contract. It will leave them where it finds them.

A party to an illegal agreement cannot recover damages for breach thereof, nor can he, when he has performed on his side, as a rule, recover the performance that he has rendered or its value. The result in such cases is the enrichment of one wrongdoer at the expense of the other; but the reason is to deter parties from entering into illegal transactions.

Alexander and Riggs made a wager on the outcome of a football game and each deposits the amount of his promised payment with Craig as a stakeholder. Alexander wins the bet. Before the money has been paid over to Alexander, Riggs notifies Craig not to pay Alexander. Craig nevertheless pays Alexander. May Riggs recover the amount of his deposit either from Craig or Alexander in a court of law?

Yes. The loser may recover the amount he has bet from either the stakeholder or the winner.

This set of facts is an exception to the general rule that the law will aid neither party to an illegal contract. A party to an illegal contract who repents before the contract is wholly carried out may recover the money or goods he has given in performance if he gives a notice to this effect before the entire transaction is completed.

Riggs was fortunate in this case in getting to Craig, the stakeholder, before the money was paid to Alexander. If the stakeholder had paid the money to the winner before receiving the notice of the loser's repudiation of the wager, the loser would have been unable to recover from either the stakeholder or the winner.

CRICKETS COME

Cool weather sends crickets searching for a way to get into the house. Once they get in, they can be destructive as well as noisy. North Carolina State University specialists say the crickets are likely to damage cottons, woollens, silks or other natural fiber fabrics. They are less likely to damage synthetics. To help keep the pests out of the house, make it as cricket-proof as possible. Also, make it less inviting by removing tall grass, rubbish and plant leaves from around the foundation.

TAXPAYERS ASK IRS

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q.—I am planning to attend a convention sponsored by my employer. Can I deduct travel expenses to and from the convention?

A.—You may deduct the unreimbursed travel expenses, including the cost of meals and lodging you incur in attendance benefits or advances the interest of your own employment or business. The agenda of the convention need not deal specifically with your official duties. It is sufficient if the agenda is so related to your duties and responsibilities that attendance for a business purpose is indicated.

If your wife accompanies you to the business convention, that portion of the expense, attributable to her travel, meals, and lodging are not deductible, unless you can establish a bona fide business purpose for her presence. Incidental services, such as typing notes, assisting in entertaining customers, etc., are not sufficient to warrant the deduction.

Q.—Several of my friends and I are setting up an investment club as a partnership. How will we be taxed on partnership earnings?

A.—A partner must include as income on Schedule E of Form 1040 his distributive share (as defined in the partnership agreement) of all partnership earnings, gains, losses, deductions or credits, regardless of his actual withdrawals. The partnership, although it pays no tax, must file an annual information return, Form 1065. This shows the results of the partnership's operations.

for its tax year and the items of income, gain, loss, deduction, or credit affecting its partners' individual income tax returns.

For more information on investment clubs established as partnerships, see IRS Publication 550, "Tax Information on Investment Income and Expenses." It's available free by dropping a postcard to your Internal Revenue district office.

Q.—My son is paying his own college tuition this year. Will this have any effect on whether or not I can claim him as a dependent?

A.—Yes. Payments for educational expenses are counted in determining total support. If you and your son furnish his total support for the year and your son spent more on support items, such as food, shelter, clothing, education, etc., than you spent for his support, you will not be able to claim him as a dependent.

Q.—Is it possible for me to reduce the amount of tax withheld from my pay?

A.—Yes. This is done by filing a new W-4 form with your employer, claiming all the exemptions to which you are entitled. In addition, you may also qualify to claim the new special withholding allowance. For details, see your employer or call your local IRS office.

WILD RICE

Wild rice is not a true rice but the grain of a tall annual grass, says Mrs. Ruby Uzzie, extension consumer marketing economist, North Carolina State University. It is dark brown, has a nutty flavor and is rather expensive.

About 60 per cent of all preschool age children suffer from malnutrition. UNICEF assists nutrition programs in Asia, Africa, Latin America East.

178,000 Trees Are Planted

More than 178,000 forest tree seedlings were sold in Cleveland County during the last planting season, the Cleveland County Ranger's office reports. The reforestation projects were carried out on both abandoned croplands and non-productive woodlands in different parts of the county.

The non-productive woodlands, County Ranger W. D. Ivester explained, were areas on which past harvest operations had removed the most desirable trees and left cull trees and trees of inferior species to occupy the site. These "weed trees" prevent the establishment of straight, healthy young trees.

Such areas had to be "site prepared," Ivester said, meaning the areas were prepared for planting by removing the weed trees. Using bulldozers especially equipped for forestation work, the weed trees were pushed into small windrows. Or (in areas too steep for mechanical site preparation, large trees which had to be removed were injected with a special chemical causing the tree to grow itself to death. The new baby trees will then be able to get more nutrients and not have to compete for water and soil with the big trees.)

Each site was left in rough condition to minimize erosion and to provide organic matter for the soil. While abandoned crop sites usually were planted by machines, the site prepared woodland areas were planted by hand with approximately 620 seedlings per acre. Seed mixtures, provided free by the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission, were broadcast on several site prepared areas to establish permanent good plots for birds and rabbits.

The N. C. Forest Service of the Department of Natural and Eco-

nomie Resources has four forest tree nurseries that produced 57 million seedlings for transplanting by North Carolina landowners last year.

Federal cost sharing was provided to landowners for the projects by programs administered by county Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Services.

Timber production is only one benefit of reforestation projects—improved wildlife habitat, recreation, aesthetic value and soil and water conservation are additional gains.

Custom services and technical assistance are available through the County Forest Ranger's office.

The N. C. Forest Service is now lining up areas to be planted in Cleveland County during the coming planting season, which will start in early December. Landowners interested in planting trees in abandoned fields or cutover woodlands should contact County Ranger-Forester W. D. Ivester at 487-4951 or write him at 139 South Post Road, Shelby, N. C. 28150.

Hughes Completes Naval Training

GREAT LAKES, Ill.—Navy Seaman Apprentice John W. Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Hughes of 401 E. Tennessee Ave., Bessemer City, N. C., graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes.

GRAIN PROBLEM

One of the major problems with small grains (oats, rye, wheat, barley) in North Carolina is late seeding, according to North Carolina State University crops specialists. They point out that many growers are seeding small grains, particularly barley and oats, too late for good root development prior to cold weather. These crops are seeded in North Carolina in the fall.

FALSE I. D.
The English walnut really isn't English at all. It came from Persia and is just one of 21 walnut species—six of which thrive in North America.

JOY

SHOWS WED.-THUR.
3:20-5:12-7:04-9:00
FRI. 3:05-4:49-6:33-8:17

There's no place to hide when **THE DEAD ARE ALIVE!**

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SAT. SHOWS 1:10-2:41
4:12-5:43-7:14-8:45
SUN. 1:30-2:55-4:20-9:00
250 LBS. OF LOVABLE TROUBLE NAMED "GEORGE"
RATED (G)

MON. SHOWS - 3-5-7-9

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"Somewhere, somehow, the public must learn that it's of small importance whether a candidate looks and sounds like one of the Kennedy brothers, or whether he has charisma or glamour. The paramount thing is whether a man believes in the principles of America, and whether he is willing to stand up for them, win or lose."
November 3, 1970

Where does JESSE HELMS stand ...

VIETNAM
"The war in Vietnam has been, from the beginning, a tragic study in contradictions, a seemingly endless road leading to an incomprehensible nowhere. It is, in the first place, not even a declared war, and in the second place, a war which the United States has too often made clear that we do not intend to win in the accepted military sense. No wonder, then, that there now exists an increasing bewilderment at home, a growing sense of frustration, and a frightening discord as to our national purpose."
February 17, 1968

NATIONAL DEFENSE
"National defense is indeed expensive—and so is an adequate police force . . . Surely any rational citizen can understand that it is better to have it and not need it, than to need it, and not have it. The difference is a matter of survival itself."
July 17, 1969

FARM SUPPORTS
"As for our farmers—who produce our food, fiber, tobacco and other products—society simply cannot in good conscience, or good sense, turn its back on those who labor to feed, and clothe all the rest of us."
August 5, 1972

POLLUTION
"The litter along the roadside, the trash that is increasingly infesting society, will not clean itself up. We are on the threshold of suffocating in the swamps of our own garbage."
April 14, 1971

TAXES, TAXES, TAXES
"There is no governmental sympathy for the men and women who work for a living to support their families. The official mood is to levy even greater taxes upon them, and to give away even more to those who claim that they have a 'right' to a comfortable guaranteed annual income, regardless of their willingness to work."
January 22, 1971

BUSING & EDUCATION
"One can only conclude that, in the view of the federal courts, education no longer counts for anything. Only integration. It is time that reasonableness and logic be reintroduced into solving the problems of education."
August 21, 1969

CRIME
"What will deter crime is a return to the concept of punishing criminals—stern punishment, quick punishment. Not the kind of powder-puff, by-your-leave pats on the wrist that return criminals to the street an hour or so after they have been arrested."
August 28, 1969

RISING PRICES
"The dollars you earn will continue to buy less and less at the grocery store—unless and until the Congress decides to do something about the waste and extravagance in Washington."
January 13, 1971

NIXON NEEDS HIM!
CLEVELAND COUNTY CITIZENS FOR HELMS (partial listing)

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J. F. Abernathy Shelby	Carl M. Spangler Shelby	Clyde L. Stutts Shelby	Jean W. Schenck Shelby
Harold W. Causby Shelby	J. Hugh Mauney Shelby	John P. Crawford Shelby	R. D. Hord Kings Mountain

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