

expenses, legal fees and expenses, and consultant fees and expenses."

Matchmaker, Suitor, or Bride?

First Astri courted the Tribe. (How did it happen that I forgot where I heard this?) If it were a courtship between the Tribe and First Astri, it seems a very simple courtship. Love at first sight, you might say. But was it?

I was there last June in Portland. I remember three men in slick-looking suits (Shall we call them the suitors?) talking about the difference between the connections that they didn't have with the "para-military" side of the Tong and the connections that they did have with the "social" side of the Tong.

And I remember Craig Dorsay introducing this crew from First Astri. (Shall we call him the matchmaker?)

I now remember this same Craig Dorsay as the primary beneficiary of the apparently happy union. (This would appear to make him either the bride or the suitor—certainly not the matchmaker).

So I was very excited to talk to Craig Dorsay about what he remembered of the steps leading up to the fateful encounter in Portland between First Astri and the assembled Council of Siletz Indians.

He remembers that some time prior to that meeting, at Tribal Council's direction, he sent out "about ten letters" to management firms involved in Indian gaming.

He remembers that First Astri contacted him and expressed an interest in pursuing an agreement.

He remembers that he met with First Astri officials in Phoenix prior to the Tribal Council meeting in Portland. (A tentative betrothal?)

He remembers that "First Astri showed the most interest and had the most financing." (The pledge of a dowry?)

He remembers that at some point he became aware that First Astri pays "all the cost." (But was this before or after the vows were exchanged?)

Precisely when Craig found this out—i.e. that First Astri pays "all the cost"—if I understood him correctly, is something he has since forgotten.

Did Craig Dorsay forget? And if he did forget did he forget before he decided (or was he directed? That too is unclear.) not to pursue responses from other management firms or did he forget later?

There was, in any event, at least one other "response" that Craig remembers not pursuing.

Who was in love and who got married? (Whether we cast the Tribe or Craig as the willing bride, we must admit that to entertain other offers at any point after the betrothal would have been a clear betrayal of an established trust).

Who was pledged to whom? This is the question. That it needs to be asked is the problem.

Another Sort of Vow

I have heard that there exists a code of ethics that governs the professional lives of attorneys. I have never seen such a code, and, quite frankly, I sometimes doubt its existence. Perhaps, like the money the Tribe deposited in the bank account, the code exists but is invisible.

If such a code does exist, and if it is visible, it seems not an unlikely thought that some of these confusing roles played by Craig Dorsay during the last few months may have caused him to forget his duties and obligations as set forth in this code.

I write now to those persons who perhaps have read this code and who remember what it says—and believe that it is important for all attorneys to remember what it says. Step forward and help remember what has been forgotten.

What has been forgotten? Oh yes. The official invitation.

I call upon the Oregon Bar Association to come to Siletz and investigate our Tribal Council Attorney and his dealings with First Astri, Corp.

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