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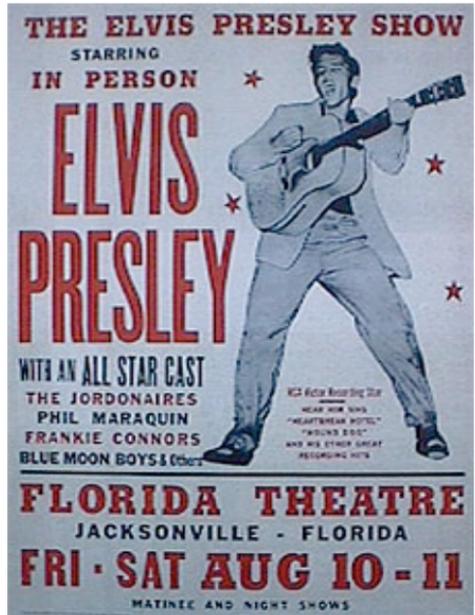
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My Firm Represented Elvis Presley (A True Story)

Elvis Presley performed several concerts in Jacksonville, Florida during his career. These concerts included performances in 1956 (at the beginning of his career) and also in 1977 (at the end of his career and life for that matter). Times did change during Elvis' career as did the country. In the 1950s, many people and governments viewed Elvis, his music, and dancing as dangerous and immoral. With threats of criminal prosecution, Elvis and his management arranged for legal representation in 1956 when Elvis performed at the Florida Theatre in Jacksonville, Florida. A young, talented attorney by the name of **Clarence Wood** (now the senior partner of Wood, Atter & Associates) was hired to represent Elvis. Clarence sat just off stage and was there just in case the local judge (Judge Gooding) decided to issue an arrest warrant at the concert.

Clarence had experience in both civil and criminal matters and was well respected in the Jacksonville legal community. Clarence took the assignment in stride noting that Elvis was just a young man trying to entertain his fans. I thought that this would be a good topic for the month of August since the concert was held in August 50 years ago. In addition, Elvis died on August 16, 1977.

This month's Mystery Song is by Elvis Presley. Name the country music icon who recorded this song in the 1980s. I will randomly select a winner for a lunch card at a restaurant of your choice from the correct entries. Also, listen to the audio commentary. You will hear Clarence Wood give his account of representing of the the King of Rock and Roll by clicking on the Audio Commentary play button. If you have problems with the audio clips, download the quick time player by clicking on the speaker icon.



Prior to the August 1956 show, Judge Gooding invited Elvis to his chambers to set Elvis straight as to recommended restrictions on Elvis' performance. Elvis declined this meeting but did meet with Judge Gooding at some point in time during this visit to Jacksonville. For a more detailed account of Elvis' visit to Jacksonville and the legal environment at that time click here [Nation's Only Atomic Powered Singer](#). You can also read more about the 50th year anniversary of the concert at [Florida Theatre Marks 50 Years Since Elvis Show](#).

Fortunately for Elvis, there were no arrests or riots during the August 1956 Jacksonville, Florida concert. Clarence was happy for his client and said goodbye to Elvis and his management after the concert. Clarence enjoyed the concert and honor of representing Elvis so much that he forgot to bill Elvis who could well afford the legal services.

Clarence continues his successful legal career to this day. While it was interesting and exciting to represent Elvis, Clarence has always taken pride in representing the every day person in the community. Elvis had his pick of attorneys and could well afford any legal fee presented his way. Others in the community do not have such resources. Many of these people have been quite fortunate to have Clarence Wood by their side fighting for their rights.

Wood, Atter & Associates has carried Clarence's mission to the present day. We are "On Your Side - At Your Side" when your legal rights are threatened or compromise. Sure, it was interesting to represent Elvis Presley but it is far more rewarding in every aspect to represent the other clients of Wood, Atter during the past 50 years.

If you have a legal question or issue, give us a call. You do not need to sing on key or wear a jump suit to get the benefit of our legal experience and advice. Just give us a call or send an e mail. You can view the July Legal Briefs Newsletter - Deal or No Deal about contract law by clicking on the link at the top right side of this page.

I hope that you are doing well this month. Let's all hope that the Hurricane Season is mild and kind to those in Hurricane States.



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