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"KIDS FOR CASH" CASE SURPASSES 150 PLAINTIFFS

Cefalo/Caroselli lawsuit continues to grow as more victims of Conahan and Ciavarella join the complaint

WILKES-BARRE, PA - Attorneys Mike Cefalo and William Caroselli announced today that their "Kids for Cash" case now includes more than 150 children and parents who were victimized by Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas Judges Michael T. Conahan and Mark A. Ciavarella. Cefalo and Caroselli will soon file an amendment to update the original complaint, which listed 113 plaintiffs, to include the additional victims.

"These victims deserve to have their individual cases heard," declared Michael J. Cefalo, Esq., of Cefalo & Associates in West Pittston, PA. "Every single one of them has a unique and compelling case. They were deprived of their right to be heard the first time around and we hope to fix that this time around."

The "Kids for Cash" complaint filed by Cefalo and Caroselli differs in a significant way from other, class action complaints filed by other groups. Specifically, Cefalo and Caroselli's "Kids for Cash" complaint is a consolidated civil action, NOT a class action. In a consolidated civil action every victim is able to present their case individually and have the specific details of their case evaluated by a judge and jury. In a class action suit, plaintiffs forfeit their individual rights and are, instead, evaluated as a class.

"A big part of the reason that our complaint continues to grow is that people recognize that it's the only way they're going to have a chance to have their individual day in court," added Cefalo.

Parents and victims who want more information or are interested in finding out if they can be a part of the suit can visit <u>www.KidsforCash.com</u> or 1-800-442-2000.

"There are literally hundreds of victims who may have been harmed by Conahan and Ciavarella," observed William Caroselli, lead attorney with the Caroselli, Beachler, McTiernan & Conboy law firm based in Pittsburgh, PA. "These children and their families were cheated out of their civil rights and it has cost them physically, emotionally, and financially. The people responsible for this must be held liable."

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