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United States Attorney, Jim M. Greenlee, announced that on February 18, 2004, Greenwood attorney, Leland Jones, III, was sentenced to five years probation by United States District Court Judge, Neal B. Biggers, Jr. As part of Jones' sentence, he was ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine as well as \$8,681.36 in restitution to United States Trustee, Michael R. Bolen. Since Jones was convicted of a felony offense, he will be prohibited from practicing law in the state of Mississippi. Jones previously entered a guilty plea in United States District Court in Oxford to the felony offense of concealing assets in connection with a federal bankruptcy case. Jones pled guilty to a one count information charging him with violating Title 18 U.S.C. Section 152(1), which makes it a crime to knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets in a bankruptcy petition. Jones was charged with concealing approximately \$10,000 in assets of a client in connection with a bankruptcy petition he filed on behalf of his client on May 10, 2001. The case was initiated and investigated by the United States Trustee with the assistance of the United States Postal Service.