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Ex-legal secretary gets 18 months for embezzlement

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A former legal secretary at a Kansas City law firm was sentenced to a year and a half in federal prison on Tuesday for embezzling more than \$159,000 from clients of the firm.

Brenda Sue Moyer, 51, of Raytown, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard Sachs to serve the prison term without parole, Bradley Schlozman, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, said in a release Tuesday. The court also ordered Moyer to pay \$159,120 in restitution.

Moyer pleaded guilty Nov. 3 to bank fraud. She admitted that she had written 113 unauthorized checks on four accounts of client estates of Armstrong Teasdale LLP at Bank of America and UMB Bank for nearly three years, forging the signatures of her supervisor and the conservators, Schlozman said.

Moyer was employed as a legal secretary at Armstrong Teasdale from March 16, 1998, through Jan. 19, 2005, except for the period May 7, 1999, through May 30, 2000, Schlozman said. She had access to five accounts for four client estates of Armstrong Teasdale but did not have signatory authority on any of the accounts.

In a written statement in November, Armstrong Teasdale executive committee member Thomas Bradshaw said the firm immediately notified clients and restored the stolen money after learning of the embezzlement. The firm also reviewed and changed procedures to ensure that something similar couldn't happen again, Bradshaw said.

Moyer could have faced a sentence of as much as 30 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine of as much as \$1 million in addition to an order of restitution.

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