

Eddie Gurinsky ~ Catching the “Bad Guys” & Lots More

What a fun read!

Education:

1966-1970

I attended the University of Texas at Austin and received a BBA degree in Accounting.

1970-1973

I attended St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio. I obtained my license to practice law in Texas and am a current member of the Texas Bar Association. I was a member of the St. Mary Law Journal and had an article published in the journal. I graduated with honors.

Career:

1974

I practiced law in Dallas, Texas one year for a small firm specializing in bankruptcy.

1975-2004

I was a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for 29 years in San Francisco. My last year was spent in the San Antonio field office before mandatory retirement. I miss my work terribly. I encourage young people to consider the FBI for a vocation and tell them that if I could live life over, I would definitely become a Special Agent of the FBI once again.

I specialized in white collar crime (financial) investigations and spent more than 25 years working various white collar crime activity. I became an expert witness in loan fraud cases in federal court. White collar crime investigations have included cases involving the following federal violations or classifications: bank fraud, bank embezzlement, bank theft, mortgage/loan fraud, mail/wire fraud, advance fee schemes, securities fraud, government fraud, health care fraud, money laundering, and internet fraud. I also assisted on other investigative matters such as surveillance operations, undercover cases, terrorism activity, environmental crime, and civil rights violations.

I also became a certified legal instructor for the FBI. I received training in legal instruction methods and provided group and one-on-one legal instruction to FBI agents in applicable federal criminal case law. Over the last 7-8 years the FBI, I also participated as an FBI Special Agent Applicant Assessor, where I conducted numerous panel interviews with other FBI agents in various cities around the country in regard to evaluating applicants for FBI Special Agent positions.

2005-present

I have acted as a government contractor conducting background investigations for various federal agencies such as Homeland Security, Department of State, ICE, and Border Patrol.

Athletic Accomplishments:

During my fours at UT, I received the following honors/awards while participating in intramural activity (I don't remember when I actually studied):

- Doubles ping pong championship
- Singles ping pong championship
- Singles handball championship
- Voted best intramural athlete in 1970
- Received the sportsmanship award in 1970

During my years in San Francisco, I participated in various law enforcement-sanctioned athletic competition. I was captain of the San Francisco FBI office basketball team for over 20 years. We competed against local law enforcement teams, state-wide law enforcement teams, and, in some cases, we participated in international law enforcement competition.

Our office team competed in the California Police Olympics regularly. After I turned 40, I captained and participated in the 40-and-over three-on-three basketball competition. Our team won the California Police Olympics in this category for three straight years. We also participated in the World Police and Fire Games one year in Canada and won that competition as well. I am proud to say that our team never lost a single game, so we decided to retire undefeated and ten years later I officially retired from basketball and had my much-needed knee replacement. I still work out almost daily, but my basketball participation is relegated to watching pick-up games at Lifetime Fitness. I guess it is only fitting since I avidly participated in this great game for almost 50 years.

Family:

I have been happily married for five years. Five out of 36 is not bad - just kidding. I met my wife in San Francisco on a blind date in 1977. She was a flight attendant for now-defunct TWA and I was in the FBI. I told her I was not like Efrem Zimbalist, Jr. and that I never solved anything in less than an hour. We married in 1980 when I was 31. Our closest friends were also couples with no children. We took advantage of all that San Francisco offered. We traveled to various countries around the world and had a great life. Then . . .

My wife came from a small family. She lost her mom early and after a sister died in the 90's, she thought we should try to have a family, even at our advanced ages. Thanks to the miracle of modern science, we had a baby girl in 1997. My wife was 44 and I was 48. We were married 17 years before giving birth to our one and only child. If we are not in the Guinness World Book of Records, then we should be because I never heard of anyone having their first and only child after 17 years of wedded bliss. Anyway, my daughter, Dory (she came before the fish), is a wonderful person and we are very proud of her. She just finished her first year at NYU. Unfortunately, I have to worry about financing the next three years, at least, of her college education. Is it too late to get my job back?