



THE AELION FIRM'S MISSION

*"To represent our clients' best interests
by imparting a spiritual philosophy of passive resistance
yet delivering resolute results."*



FOR CENTURIES BEFORE FOUNDING PARTNER DAVID MAURICE AELION ESTABLISHED THE AELION FIRM, THE AELION NAME HAS BEEN SYNONYMOUS WITH DYNAMIC LEGAL AND BUSINESS ACUMEN AND A PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO HANDLING LEGAL MATTERS AND RESOLVING DISPUTES IN THE MOST EFFICIENT, EXPEDITIOUS AND LEAST DISRUPTIVE WAY POSSIBLE. WITH THE ASSERTIVE REPRESENTATION CLIENTS EXPECT FROM A LARGE FIRM, THE AELION FIRM REMAINS SMALL ENOUGH TO ESTABLISH AND FOSTER INDIVIDUAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH CLIENT. WE SET OUR EXPECTATIONS ABOVE TRADITIONAL LEGAL STANDARDS, AND SERVE OUR CLIENTS WITH LEGAL AND PRACTICAL ADVICE, RESPONSIVE REPRESENTATION AND CREATIVE, COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS. ASIDE FROM OUR EXTENSIVE TRIAL EXPERIENCE AND RESULTS-DRIVEN APPROACH, WHAT SETS THE AELION FIRM APART FROM TRADITIONAL LAW PRACTICES IS OUR DEEPLY SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION, GROUNDED OVER A CENTURY AGO AND GUIDED BY A STRONG ETHICAL AND MORAL COMPASS. EVERY MEMBER OF OUR LEGAL TEAM WAS CAREFULLY SELECTED WITH A KEEN PROFESSIONAL SYNERGY AIMED AT REFLECTING THAT VERY HISTORY AND THE FIRM'S MISSION: "TO REPRESENT OUR CLIENTS' BEST INTERESTS BY IMPARTING A SPIRITUAL PHILOSOPHY OF PASSIVE RESISTANCE YET DELIVERING RESOLUTE RESULTS." IT IS THIS FIRM'S ASSERTED MISSION THAT MAKES THE AELION FIRM: A NAME YOU CAN TRUST!

Practice Areas

With a firm focus on Civil Rights matters, The Aelion Firm's combined experience of nearly four decades has also represented clients from all over the world in a wide range of practice areas, including:

CIVIL RIGHTS	BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
HEALTHCARE LAW	BUSINESS COUNSELING
INSURANCE LITIGATION	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
CIVIL LITIGATION	COMMERCIAL LITIGATION
CRIMINAL DEFENSE	ENTERTAINMENT LAW



IN THE NEWS

The Miami Herald, Daily Business Review, Sun Sentinel **SEPARATED BY RELIGION, UNITED BY FAITH** **Jewish Attorney helps free Muslim INS detainee**

David Maurice Aelion, Esq., a North Miami Beach Jewish attorney with an impressive legal and valuable Judaic family lineage succeeded this month in setting free a Miami Beach Muslim man who had been detained at the Broward Transition Center in Pompano Beach for nearly five months. Of his efforts, Aelion stated that he was exercising his belief that humanity and brotherhood rules over religious differences. "The most important thing to remember is that we are humans first, brothers second, and religion comes last. Religion should not determine whom we are inside or how we feel toward our fellow brothers." Born in Ethiopia in 1971 to Jewish Sudanese parents, Mr. Aelion's father, Maurice Aelion

served as personal counsel to Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie. His great uncle and personal mentor Dr. Edmond Malka earned six law degrees and was Deputy Attorney General for the State of New Jersey. His great-grand father was renowned Rabbi Solomon Malka-visionary, spiritual leader of the Jewish community in Khartoum throughout the early and mid 1900's. On November 8, 2007, Abdellatif Akkif, a 29-year resident of the United States, was asked to present himself to the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) offices for an interview. Instead of an interview, there was a warrant for his arrest on charges that claimed he violated immigration laws.

Akkif was taken into custody, like hundreds of Muslims have since September 11th, and placed at the BTC pending a Terrorist Attack Clearance (TAC) by the United States Department of Justice, which he recently cleared without issue. Aelion learned of Mr. Akkif's unfortunate situation in February 2008 through Akkif's wife Fatima Hamin, a Morocco native and United States Citizen. Knowing of Aelion's interest in religious rights and civil liberties, a distraught Fatima shared with Aelion her sorrow over how the INS took Akkif into custody without warning. Aelion immediately visited Akkif at the Broward Transition Center, and began his legal efforts to get him home, pro-bono, and did so successfully on April 8th.

FREEDOM OF RELIGION The Breakdown Between Federal and Local Governments

A Santeria priest who took City of Hialeah's ban of animal sacrifice to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1993 - and won - is taking on another local city: Coral Gables, FL. Ernesto Pichardo, President of the Church of Lukumi Babalu Aye has retained prominent media and civil rights attorney David Aelion, who took the case pro-bono. The Case? On June 8, 2007, twenty-three Coral Gables police officers reported to a home where a traditional and particularly sacred Santeria ceremony was being performed. In response to a neighbor's call claiming he heard a goat squeaking, Coral Gables police

officers closed off the street, entered the home with guns drawn, desecrated the ceremonial site and held participants for over three hours. Their aggressive response and extended stay at the Coral Gables home rocked the Santeria community of the United States, who had come to believe that the 1993 United States Supreme Court opinion protecting their religious right actually meant something. Since the incident, Pichardo has been requesting incident records from the City of Coral Gables and their police

department via letters, phone calls and personal visits to the department and their internal affairs unit, yet his written and verbal requests have continued to fall on deaf ears and blind eyes. "This church, or any citizen for that matter, clearly shouldn't have to hire a lawyer to get records that every single United States citizen is duly entitled to under the Sunshine Law. The City of Coral Gables, through its lack of cooperation, left me no choice but to engage Mr. Aelion," said Pichardo. The 1993 United States Supreme Court's

opinion in favor of Petitioner Ernesto Pichardo and The Church of Lukumi Babalu Aye, against City of Hialeah clearly stated, "Our review confirms that the laws in question were enacted by officials who did not understand, failed to perceive, or chose to ignore the fact that their official actions violated the Nation's essential commitment to religious freedom." As a Masters Degree Candidate of Religious Studies, I have a full understanding and appreciation of many religions, and specifically Santeria and the precedent-setting 1993 United States ruling. It is outright offensive and insulting to see that the first amendment constitutional right protecting freedom of religion has to be defended still in this day and age. The City of Coral Gables Police Department's actions on June 8th of 2007, and their actions since, constitute a national travesty, and a daring challenge to a 15-year standing ruling from the highest court of the United States, and we plan to proceed accordingly," said Attorney David Aelion, who submitted a Sunshine Records Request to the City of Coral Gables last week.



AELION'S MEDIA EXPERIENCE

David Maurice Aelion possesses a solid background handling the media and utilizing the media to the advantage of his clients in delivering successful resolutions. Propelled into international media attention in 1997 with the much-publicized murder of Italian Fashion Designer Gianni Versace, Aelion's use of the media ensured that his client Fernando Carreira receive not only the reward to which he was entitled, but also those gathered by various communities moved by the injustices proposed by authorities who were denying his right to the reward. Since that time, Aelion has continued to focus his managing of legal cases with efficiency, ease and comfort around the media.

LARRY KING LIVE

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“Carreira ended this tragedy for all of us.

I perso-nally consider

him a hero.”

David Aelion
July 29, 1997



Houseboat caretaker sues for reward money



Luisa Yane, Rafael Lorente, and Andy Friedberg The San Sentinel

Attorney David Aelion is demanding ... the \$65,000.00 in rewards offered for information

Houseboat caretaker Fernando Carreira flanked by his wife Luz Rodriguez, and attorney David Aelion, is demanding from Miami Beach and Metro-Dade the \$65,000.00 in rewards offered for information leading to Andrew Cunanan's capture...more than 1,300 Miami Beach passers-by have been signing a petition set up on Friday outside the Versace mansion supporting his claim. Cunanan killed himself after a caretaker, Fernando Carreira, entered the houseboat late Thursday afternoon. But Barreto said the fugitive could have avoided detection simply by ducking into one of the crawl spaces under the floorboards of the boat until Carreira left.



Luisa Yane, Rafael Lorente, and Andy Friedberg The Miami Herald

“Show Carreira the money”

...Houseboat caretaker Fernando Carreira told police he stepped into the vessel to check on it, saw sandals and a blanket, then heard a shot. Cunanan was later found inside the boat, dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Within days of the discovery, Carreira filed a complaint in court alleging the city and county breached a contract when they did not give him a \$45,000.00 reward. City leaders said they were not sure he qualified. ...Carreira was in New York Tuesday to pick up a \$10,000.00 reward from the Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project. Neither he nor his lawyer David Aelion could be reached for comment.



Luisa Yane, Rafael Lorente, and Andy Friedberg The Miami Herald

... over 1300 signatures

Now that killer Andrew Cunanan is dead, a new question arises: Who gets the reward money? ...Fernando Carreira, the caretaker who stumbled upon Cunanan in the Collins Avenue houseboat where the fugitive was hiding and then called police thinks he's entitled to the reward - at least \$45,000.00. "I didn't ask for it; they offered it," he said. "I'm the one who got him. I think I deserve to get it." ...Carreira has hired Miami attorney David Aelion to help him in his quest. He filed a complaint against the city of Miami Beach and Dade County in Dade Circuit Court Friday, claiming "breach of contract." "Our intention is to get him back the reward money," Aelion said.



Staff Daily Business Review

“Rewards can bring help and headaches”

Fernando Carreira arrived at his news conference like a man near the finish line. Emerging from a car, he smiled. Walking toward TV cameras, he waved. Peeking inside the dumpster, he nodded... ...a 71-year old houseboat caretaker who stumbled upon the FBI's most wanted criminal...There seemed to be no precedent for such a case. Carreira retained David Aelion and filed suit. A publicist promoted his cause. Several businesses added their voices, including the garbage hauling company that lent the dumpster for donations.



El Nuevo Herald

Carreira recibe recompensa

Fernando Carreira (al frente) muestra el martes los cheques de la recompensa que recibió en la alcaldía de Miami Beach por conducir al hallazgo del supuesto asesino del diseñador italiano Gianni Versace, asesinado en Miami el 15 de julio. Detrás de él aparece el abogado David Aelion, que lo ayudó a reclamar la recompensa tras la muerte de Andrew Cunanan, el sospechoso. El dinero incluye contribuciones de la alcaldía de Miami Beach, el Condado de Dade y el Departamento de Policía de la Florida, mientras la Oficina de Convenciones y Visitantes del Gran Miami donó \$5,000.00.



BAR TALK August 14, 1997 The Miami Herald

Lawyer for man who found killer gets other opportunities

David Aelion is representing the caretaker who led police to Andrew Cunanan. Now he's been approached by a severely burned Plantation police officer about a possible movie deal. David Aelion, the North Dade lawyer who is helping houseboat caretaker Fernando Carreira claim reward money for finding murder suspect Andrew Cunanan, says now he may jump into entertainment law. "One of the things that's come out of this is I'm doing more entertainment law. It's something I'm interested in," Aelion says. Though Aelion says the caretaker's saga is not his first significant case, it certainly is the first to bring him public attention, thanks to the notoriety of Andrew Cunanan, believed responsible for several murders across the country. Aelion says he strictly adheres to Abraham Lincoln's aphorism that "the best lawyer is the one that keeps his client out of court."

THE AELION FAMILY HISTORY

DAVID MAURICE AELION

BORN 1971

ADVOCATE AND COUNSELOR AT LAW



"Whoever fights monsters should see to it that in the process he does not become a monster. And when you look into an abyss, the abyss also looks into you."

Friedrich Nietzsche

A former prosecutor with the Broward County State Attorney's Office, founding partner, David Maurice Aelion, has been in private practice for nearly fifteen years, focusing his practice in the areas of civil rights, entertainment law, commercial and civil litigation and criminal defense. Born in Ethiopia to Jewish Sudanese parents, Mr. Aelion's father, Maurice Aelion was forced to relocate his family when civil war broke out in Ethiopia in 1978. After spending some time in Europe and New York, the Aelion Family settled in South Florida. Maurice Aelion died shortly thereafter. Inspired by his father's and great-uncle's and wisdom prolific background, Mr. Aelion decided to study law, earning his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Florida International University in 1992, and his Juris Doctor degree from Nova Southeastern University Law School in 1995. Most recently, Mr. Aelion's strong spiritual drive and respect for his Judaic lineage motivated him to study Religion. He is currently a Certified Religious Studies Masters Degree candidate at Florida International University. While heading two previous law firms, Mr. Aelion also exercised extraordinary entrepreneurial acumen, establishing several successful businesses in the areas of healthcare, media and real estate, all of which are active and thriving today. His success affords him the luxury to defend the indigent, often taking on pro-bono cases of moral, spiritual and human interest. Mr. Aelion is a deeply spiritual man whose practice of law is primarily guided by his very passion and respect for his family background, human rights issues and the general welfare of humanity. He has extensive experience handling high-profile media cases in both the entertainment and civil rights arena.

SCHLOMO S. MALKA

BORN 1878

DAVID'S GRANDFATHER



"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might... Thou shalt teach them diligently unto their children..."

Born in Morocco in 1878 and educated in Eretz Israel, Mr. Aelion's Great Grand Father, Rabbi Schlomo S. Malka is widely remembered and honored as a Jewish scholar, a spiritual leader and a great humanitarian who led the spiritual movement of the Jewish community in Khartoum, Sudan until his death in 1949. Rabbi Malka is long regarded as a revolutionary and visionary spiritual leader. Amongst his many accomplishments, Rabbi Malka best ensured his pages in history books by his bold leadership as one of a few Zionists calling for peaceful resistance in a time of war and disarray – a move that is currently and still being studied by the Ben Zion Institute in Israel as a potential measure to reaching a resolution in the Israel peace crisis. He is also known and respected for publishing religious articles in the Arabic language Jewish Journal of Cairo, Al-Shams. He made history (1934-1948) when he converted a house into a synagogue, obtained Torah scrolls from Egypt and Eretz Israel to teach the Torah, and officiated the Jewish re-conversion of the women who had been forced to convert to Islam at that time.

EDMOND S. MALKA, J.D.

BORN 1923-1997

DAVID'S GREAT UNCLE



"Throughout many generations and with infinite abuse, many have labored to support the freedom of thought, without which no civilization can progress, and no country can maintain its power."

David Maurice Aelion's great uncle and personal mentor, Dr. Edmond S. Malka, was Deputy Attorney General of the State of New Jersey. A jurist of international experience, with six law degrees, including two doctorate degrees in Psychology and Religious Studies, Dr. Malka was a published author and an Attorney at Law in the states of New Jersey and New York; and practiced law in the United States Federal Supreme Court. Dr. Malka was also a Barrister at Law of the Irish Bar, an Advocate of the English Colonial Bar, an Advocate of the Israel Bar, and was an Advocate of the Spanish Bar. Dr. Malka wrote extensively in six different languages, and authored several books in five different languages covering topics of law, literature, religion, psychology, philosophy and history. Amongst the many published works of Dr. Malka's, David Aelion favors The Retrial Of Jesus, Derecho Anglo-Americano (Anglo-Saxon Right), and Sephardi Jews: A Pageant of Spanish-Portuguese and Oriental Judaism Between The Cross And The Crescent.

MAURICE J. AELION, J.D.

BORN 1920-1978

DAVID'S FATHER



"Everything is vague to a degree you do not realize till you have tried to make it precise."

Bertrand Russell

Born in Khartoum, Sudan on August 9th, 1920, Maurice Jacob Aelion served beyond capacity in each of his numerous, prestigious professional roles, which included advocate, counselor, aeronautical defense specialist and WWII intelligence officer. He served in the Sudan Defense Force, earned two British medals, and settled in Asmara after his military service. He earned a Juris Doctorate Degree at Circolo Universita Asmara in Sudan. His litigation and contractual negotiations skills earned him recognition as an International Lawyer and aeronautical defense counselor after his extensive, impressive representation of a much-publicized Ethiopian Airlines crash. Mr. Aelion met Haile Selassie as a prince and a deep friendship was instantly formed. Selassie, who possessed a deep respect of lions and kept many of them in his palace for protection, believed the Aelion name to be a direct reflection of Maurice's ability to protect him. Maurice Aelion served as the Emperor's personal counsel for many years. That service was terminated when civil war broke out in Ethiopia and the Aelion Family was forced to evacuate in hours...never to return to their home.

HAILE SELASSIE I

BORN 1892-1975

EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA



"Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted, the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most; that has made it possible for evil to triumph."

Haile Selassie I, for whom Maurice Aelion served as personal counsel, is known today as a quintessential political leader and essential spiritual figure that brought Ethiopia international attention through his bold, charismatic leadership. Born in 1892, Selassie held several prestigious governmental positions, including Regent from 1916 to 1930 before ascending to Emperor of Ethiopia in 1930. As a Regent, Selassie instituted widespread reforms that brought Ethiopia into the modern age, including establishing the first newspapers to disseminate his progressive views and garner support. As Regent, he also proclaimed the end of slavery in 1923, which allowed Ethiopia's qualification into the League of Nations. As both Regent and Emperor, Selassie toured the Holy Land and many European nations, including Italy, France, Belgium, Britain, Germany and the Netherlands – making him the highest-ranking member of the Imperial family to ever travel abroad. His historical initiatives served Ethiopia well, officially establishing the African nation and putting it "on the map."

"We are all born, to live and then die. When we are forgotten, we die a second time. The memories of our ancestors and our telling of them are what keeps them alive to us."

THE AELION CULTURE

The widely culturally diverse team of The Aelion Firm has represented clients from all over the world in many practice areas, including criminal defense, business counseling and transactions, commercial

and civil litigation, healthcare law and insurance litigation, intellectual property and entertainment law. The team proudly exercises these practice areas in multiple languages, including English, Spanish,

French, Portuguese, Arabic and Tagalog. The firm is a diverse setting that blends the professional culture of the Western world with a Zen-like Eastern philosophy. As a Zen Tea

Master, Mr. Aelion maintains a very healthy work environment with a relaxed yet professional and driven atmosphere that the entire team and the firm's clients enjoy.



"I offer you peace. I offer you love. I offer you friendship. I see your beauty. I hear your need. I feel your feelings. My wisdom flows from the Highest Source. I salute that Source in you. Let us work together for unity and love." A favored quote of Mr. Aelion by Ghandi, whose words he employs daily in his relationships with his team, his clients and humanity in general.



AELION'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

An experienced business professional with a law degree and a deeply spiritual moral compass, David Maurice Aelion has effectively developed and managed several businesses in South Florida over the past fifteen years. Led by his sharp entrepreneurial acumen, Mr. Aelion's businesses enjoy a wealth of success that is imparted into their service to their communities.



THE AELION FOUNDATION

Rooted in South Florida for several decades, The Aelion Firm Team enjoys an honorable history of involvement in numerous community organizations throughout the Sunshine State and nationally. We believe that contributing to these civic, religious and social organizations keep us in touch with current events and issues relevant to our practice and the needs of our clients, and are an integral part of our commitment to excellence.

JAFCO of South Florida
Hope Center, Inc.
ORT America
Stop Hunger, Inc.

Through staff volunteerism, donations, contributions and in-kind gifts, The Aelion Foundation proudly supports these and many other organizations, raising funds necessary to help our communities become stronger, healthier and more vibrant. Mr. Aelion also takes pride in driving his own feed-the-homeless program by personally delivering food to homeless people throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties several times a year.



"Lion of the tribe of Judah"

"Lion of The Tribe of Judah" is derived from The Book of Revelation 5:5 - "And one of the elders saith unto me, 'Weep not': behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof..." Rooted in the name itself, The Aelion Firm's Lion of Judah seal symbolizes the firm's deeply spiritual commitment to the pursuit of justice and the successful resolution of our clients' legal issues. The Lion Seal also demonstrates Aelion's connection to King David and King Solomon whose philosophy he follows dearly in the practice of law. The Lion also reflects his family's personal connection to the revered "Lion of Judah" himself - Emperor Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia, long regarded as a direct descendant of the Israelite Tribe of Judah through his lineage to Kings David and Solomon, and as the Lion of Judah in Revelation.

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