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Posted in Lanesboro Court (/index.php?&town=lanesboro&category=court)

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Seventy-one year old David Welford Williams Jr., of Lanesboro, Minn., made an appearance in Fillmore County Court. Williams is accused of practicing law in an unauthorized manor, which in this case is considered a misdemeanor level offense.

Though David Williams Jr. may be having a rough time with the law, his father was one who actually sat on the bench as a U.S. District Court judge for years. David Williams Sr. died of complications of pneumonia in May of 2000 at the age of 90. He was the first African American judge, according to the LA Times, to serve west of the Mississippi River.

According to records Williams Jr. attended undergraduate school at Stanford University in California where he also attended Stanford University Law School.

Williams Jr. was admitted to the State Bar of California in June of 1968, but in October of 1981 was listed as "Not Eligible to Practice Law." Following that date he was listed under a "Resigned" status.

Unsettling conflicts with individuals such as actor Redd Foxx are likely to what have contributed to the dismantling of Williams Junior's rights to practice law. In 1981 the Baltimore Afro-American newspaper reported a story on a case where Williams Jr. forged two checks belonging to Foxx, each in the amount of \$5,000, and deposited them into his personal bank account.

Williams Jr. was working as Foxx's attorney at the time. Foxx claimed in the article to be helping out Williams Jr. after apparent conflicts with Mickey Rooney and Lou Gossett.

There are currently three cases with alleged charges against Williams Jr. that are pending. Charges include Attorneys – Unauthorized Practice of Law, a misdemeanor level offense which carries a maximum penalty of 90 days imprisonment, fines of \$1,000, or both.

One of the cases involves William Junior's participation in helping detail bylaws for the National Trout Center in Preston, Minn. Williams Jr. was said to have been operating under the name "Williams Consultancy."

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