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## **Never Enough: One Lawyer's True Story of How He Gambled His Career Away**

**By Michael J. Burke**

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CHICAGO, July 3, 2008 – *Never Enough: One Lawyer's True Story of How He Gambled His Career Away* is the no-holds-barred true story of Michael J. Burke, who came from a long line of distinguished lawyers, and became a lawyer himself. But soon after, his personal decline began. He struggled with alcoholism and a gambling addiction that eventually drained \$1.6 million from the trust account funds of his clients.

Published by the American Bar Association, *Never Enough* is a succinct, powerful book that will open reader's eyes to the reality of gambling and alcohol addiction, and shows that it can happen in any community and in even the happiest of family situations.

Burke was raised in Howell, Michigan with his nine brothers and sisters. There he practiced law for twenty-five years, purchased the family home, and with his wife raised two daughters. He was actively involved in the community, enjoyed a successful law practice and was a devoted father.

On June 18, 2001, he was sentenced to 3-to-10 years in prison and ordered to pay \$1.6 million in restitution to his victims.

In *Never Enough*, Burke describes how his lies and deceit almost destroyed his family, shares his court and prison experiences, and finally presents readers with ways that they can identify a compulsive gambler, and what treatment options are available for this devastating disease.

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