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A lawyer for prominent San Diego eye surgeon Dr. Glenn Kawesch pleaded guilty to tax evasion and money-laundering yesterday and faces up to three years in prison.

**B. Roland Frasier**, 40, of Rancho Santa Fe, admitted in federal court that he transferred \$1.25 million of Kawesch's profits to an offshore bank to try to avoid taxes and creditors.

Frasier also admitted underpaying nearly a million dollars in federal taxes by not reporting \$3.4 million of his own income, much of it business income from his law firm that he used for personal expenses.

And he admitted he entered into a series of sham agreements involving a business he helped take public. He lied to the company's president about his ownership of a corporation in Nevis that received \$300,000 and 7 million shares, prosecutors said.

He then had telemarketers sell more than 1.3 million of the shares, netting more than \$1 million, prosecutors said.

Frasier is to be sentenced Dec. 6.

In a related case, Kawesch pleaded guilty in May last year to evading \$4.2 million in federal taxes through sham contracts and schemes. He is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 25.

Kawesch is fighting state regulators who say he should lose his license because his guilty plea proves "moral turpitude."

Federal prosecutors were unsure whether Frasier would lose his bar license as a result of his guilty plea.

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