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Matthew Henderson Reviews in a Law360 Byline What Law Firms Should Know Amid a Rise in Disqualification Motions April 30, 2024

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Six Hinshaw Attorneys Contribute Chapters to the 2024 Edition of the "Dramshop Act Practice" IICLE Handbook February 16, 2024

Jennifer A. Patterson Appointed as Special Representative for the Supreme Court of Missouri Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel (OCDC)

January 26, 2024

A Berkley Select Panel Presentation Featuring Matthew Henderson was the Subject of the Most-Viewed PLUS Blog Post in 2023

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Hinshaw Recognized as "Distinguished in Litigation" in BTI Consulting's Litigation Outlook 2024 Survey November 16, 2023

Hinshaw Receives Recognition in 2024 "Best Law Firms" Directory November 2, 2023

Jess West Discusses New Rule From the California Supreme Court Requiring Attorneys to Report Misconduct of Other Attorneys

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101 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2024 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch August 17, 2023

PLUS Blog Reports on Matthew Henderson Panel Discussion on Lawyers Professional Liability Claims Trends May 12, 2023

David Grossbaum Named Among "2022 Top Lawyers" by Boston Magazine November 28, 2022

April Toy Selected to Milwaukee BizTimes 2022 Rising Stars in Law September 12, 2022

David Grossbaum Pens Law360 Byline on Potential Pitfalls Involved in Lawyer Fee-Sharing Arrangements June 23, 2022

Shelley Bethune Appointed Executive Director and General Counsel of Illinois Courts Commission May 23, 2022

Matthew Henderson Discusses Factors Behind Spike in High-Exposure Legal Malpractice Claims April 19, 2022

JD Supra Names Scott Seaman and Joanna Storey as Top Authors in its 2022 Readers' Choice Awards March 7, 2022

Joanna Storey Authors BASF Blog Post: ABA Tips for Effective Client-Lawyer Communications January 26, 2022

Hinshaw Partner Jill Munson Named to Milwaukee BizTimes 2022 Notable Women in Law January 24, 2022

Hinshaw Partner Marissa Delinks Named to Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly 2021 Top Women of Law November 18, 2021

Hinshaw Contributes U.S. Chapter in Fourth Edition of The Professional Negligence Law Review August 24, 2021



Hinshaw Partner Cassidy Chivers Appointed to Serve on California State Bar COPRAC August 23, 2021

Sixty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2022 Edition of Best Lawyers August 19, 2021

Joanna Storey Authors BASF Blog Post on California Legal Ethics Obligations of Third-Party Litigation Funding July 2, 2021

Hinshaw Authors Updated Practical Law Q&A Guide on Regulation of the Legal Profession June 11, 2021

Noah Fiedler Flags Ethical Issues Connected to Lawyers Accepting Payment in Cryptocurrency March 15, 2021

Joanna Storey Provides Ten Best Practice Tips for Remote Appearances in CNA Insurance Publication March 9, 2021

Joanna Storey Authors BASF Blog Post on Lawyers' Data Breach-Related Duties February 9, 2021

Joanna Storey Authors Article Distinguishing Lawyers' Responsibilities as to Data Privacy Protection vs. Client Confidentiality or Privilege
January 5, 2021

Hinshaw Recognized in 2021 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Directory November 5, 2020

Sixty-Five Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2021 Editions of Best Lawyers and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch August 20, 2020

Hinshaw Authors United States Chapter in Third Edition of The Professional Negligence Law Review August 5, 2020

Joanna Storey Authors BASF Blog Post on Requirements of California's Professional Conduct Rule 1.13 July 2, 2020

Client Success: Hinshaw's Donald Mrozek Provides Strategic Advice to New Chicago Law Firm Boutique February 18, 2020

Hinshaw Discusses Potential Problems Posed by the CCPA to the Tripartite Relationship Between Insurer, Insured, and Law Firm

February 3, 2020

In DRI Column, Cassidy Chivers Discusses Importance of "Minding the Gap" when an Attorney Relocates to Another State

January 24, 2020

Hinshaw Submits Comments to California Attorney General Regarding Proposed California Consumer Privacy Act Regulations

December 17, 2019

Mollie Kugler and Alyssa Johnson Discuss Law Firm Cyber Liability Exposure in DRI's For the Defense November 8, 2019

Hinshaw Recognized Nationally and Regionally in 2020 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Directory November 1, 2019



DRI Honors Hinshaw's Steven M. Puiszis with Louis B. Potter Lifetime Professional Service Award October 21, 2019

Tips for Law Firms on Limiting Exposure to Malpractice Risk of Lateral Hires September 24, 2019

As Severity of Legal Malpractice Claims Rise, LawyeringLaw.com Provides Risk Management Tools and Services for Lawyers and Law Firms

June 18, 2019

Hinshaw Helps Secure Sanctions Order Totaling \$1M against "Serial Litigator" April 8, 2019

Bloomberg Reviews LMRM: Off-the-Cuff Legal Advice Can Put Attorneys in Hot Water March 12, 2019

Cassidy Chivers Moderates Panel on the Updated California Professional Rules of Conduct January 25, 2019

Steve Puiszis Authors Comprehensive Overview of EU's GDPR Privacy Law in Journal of the Professional Lawyer January 24, 2019

Career Retrospective: Recently-Retired Hinshaw Partner and Legal Ethics Expert Tom Sukowicz Profiled in Chicago Daily Law Bulletin

January 23, 2019

Illinois Appeals Court Affirms Win by Hinshaw Legal Team in \$4 Million Legal Malpractice Case Filed by Minor League Baseball Association

January 4, 2019

Steve Puiszis Addresses Cyber Risks Associated with Lawyers Making Their Email Addresses Public December 13, 2018

Cassidy Chivers and Joanna Storey Outline the Ethical Obligations of Law Firms Dealing with an Impaired Lawyer November 16, 2018

Steve Puiszis Cited in ABA Formal Opinion 483 on the Ethical Responsibility of Lawyers Following a Cyberattack November 12, 2018

Hinshaw Recognized Nationally and Regionally in 2019 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Directory November 1, 2018

Illinois Supreme Court Appoints Adam Vaught to the Illinois Judicial Conference October 25, 2018

Steve Puiszis Discusses the MSBA Opinion in Light of GDPR's "Right to be Forgotten" in Bloomberg Law October 19, 2018

Hinshaw's Adam Vaught Named to Benchmark Litigation "40 and Under Hot List" July 20, 2018

Kate Schnake Appointed as Project Officer of the CBA's Young Lawyers Section July 9, 2018

Hinshaw Client Ungaretti & Harris LLP Secures \$5.7 Million Judgment for Unpaid Attorneys' Fees June 22, 2018



Bloomberg Discusses Steve Puiszis' Panel Presentation on "Ethics of Data Breach Reaction" at ABA Professional Responsibility Conference

June 13, 2018

Tom Luetkemeyer Discusses Handling Impaired Lawyers at LMRM

March 9, 2018

A Team of Hinshaw Attorneys Contribute to 2018 Edition of IICLE Attorneys' Legal Liability Handbook

February 19, 2018

Hinshaw's Tom McGarry Profiled as the IICLE Spotlight Author of the Month

February 16, 2018

Hinshaw Achieves National and Regional Recognition in 2018 U.S. News - Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms" Directory

November 1, 2017

Hinshaw Legal Team Prevails on Behalf of Prosecutors in Lawsuit Brought by Ex-Aide to Governor Scott Walker

August 30, 2017

Steven Puiszis to Serve as Program Chair for the NFJE Judicial Symposium

July 13, 2017

Steven Puiszis Quoted in Bloomberg BNA Article about WannaCry Ransomware Attack

May 19, 2017

Hinshaw Legal Team Prevails in \$4 Million Legal Malpractice Case Filed by Minor League Baseball Association

May 19, 2017

Hinshaw Team Authors Practical Law Q&A Guide on Regulation of the Legal Profession

May 17, 2017

Media Coverage of the 16th Annual Legal Malpractice and Risk Management Conference

March 28, 2017

DRI Profiles Hinshaw's Steve Puiszis

February 17, 2017

DRI Professional Perspectives: Failure to Plead "But for" Causation Leads to Dismissal of Malpractice Claim

February 7, 2017

DRI Professional Perspectives

Perspective on Managing a Law Firm Leadership Succession: Part II

January 13, 2017

Bloomberg Big Law Business

Press Coverage of Appointment of Steven Puiszis as DRI National Defense Center Chair

December 2, 2016

Tom McGarry Quoted in Cook County Record Article on Spike in Legal Malpractice Suits

November 4, 2016

Hinshaw Garners More Than Thirty Rankings in 2017 U.S. News - Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms" List

November 1, 2016

Steven Puiszis Appointed Chair of DRI's Center for Law and Public Policy

October 31, 2016

Terry McAvoy Authors DRI Article on Texas Supreme Court Malpractice Case

October 27, 2016



Hinshaw Launches New Consulting and Coaching Services Focused on the Business and Management of Law Firms October 17, 2016

Steven Puiszis Profiled in Article on his Presentation on Cyber Security at the IDC Conference October 11, 2016

Hinshaw Lawyers Advise Kenyon & Kenyon on Combination with Andrews Kurth September 23, 2016

Cassidy Chivers Quoted in Bloomberg BNA Article on Anti-SLAPP Law Coverage September 21, 2016

Thirty Hinshaw Lawyers Named to 2017 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® August 15, 2016

Noah Fiedler Authors Article on Lessons for Law Firms on Client Intake June 30, 2016

Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Announces New Managing Partner and Other Firm Leaders May 18, 2016

Hinshaw Names Four New Members of Management Committee May 18, 2016

Hinshaw Lawyers Rack Up Appellate Victory April 29, 2016

Steven Puiszis Quoted in Article on Judge Allowing Access to Seized Records in John Doe Probe April 13, 2016

Steven Puiszis Authors Bloomberg BNA Article on How Technology is Redefining Competence April 12, 2016

Steven Puiszis Quoted in Bloomberg BNA Article Discussing Data Breaches in Law Firms March 9, 2016

Tom McGarry Quoted in Illinois Bar Journal Article on Court Sanctions January 8, 2016

Steven Puiszis Discusses New York's Proposed Cybersecurity Rules for Banks and Insurers November 16, 2015

Tom McGarry Quoted in Illinois Bar Journal Article on The Beau Brindley Case: Witness Preparation v. Coaching November 5, 2015

Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Garners More Than Two Dozen Rankings in U.S. News – Best Lawyers' 2016 "Best Law Firms"

November 2, 2015

Twenty-Eight Hinshaw Lawyers Named to 2016 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America August 17, 2015

Adam Vaught Author Article in Dade County Bar Association Bulletin on Judicial Fundraising Rule July 29, 2015

Annmarie D'Amour Authors Article in DRI's The Voice on Ethics and Medical Marijuana July 22, 2015

Adam Vaught Quoted in Florida Bar News Article on Reactions to Yulee Decision June 1, 2015



U.S. Supreme Court Upholds Ethical Rule on Judicial Elections: Hinshaw Lawyers Write Amicus Brief for the ABA in Support of the Rule

May 6, 2015

Hinshaw Attorneys Obtain Precedent Setting Opinion Concerning Venue in a Multi-Defendant Lawsuit April 30, 2015

Tom McGarry Quoted in Illinois State Bar Journal Article on IOLTA-Account Overdrafts March 30, 2015

Tom McGarry Quoted in ABA/BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct Article on Using Judicial Error as Malpractice Defense

March 4, 2015

Law360 Profiles Hinshaw & Culbertson as a Law Firm "to Have on Speed Dial if Malpractice Trouble Hits" November 19, 2014

Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Receives Several Tier One Rankings in Multiple Practice Areas by U.S. News - Best Lawyers 2015

November 3, 2014

Twelve Hinshaw Lawyers Contribute to IICLE's Attorneys' Legal Liability, 2014 Edition October 13, 2014

Tom McGarry Quoted in Chicago Daily Law Bulletin September 12, 2014

Thomas McGarry Quoted in Chicago Daily Law Bulletin on Sanctions Against Lawyers January 15, 2014

Tom McGarry Quoted in Chicago Daily Law Bulletin Article on In-house Counsel Amnesty December 17, 2013

Thomas McGarry Quoted in Chicago Daily Law Bulletin Article on ARDC and Rules of Professional Misconduct November 20, 2013

Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Recognized as U.S. News - Best Lawyers 2014 "Law Firm of the Year" in Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law November 1, 2013

Hinshaw Releases New Business Intake Solution

November 14, 2011

Events

22nd Annual LMRM Conference March 7 – 9, 2023 Chicago

Robert Buchholz and Matthew Henderson Recently Conducted an Interactive Presentation on Attorney Ethics and "What Not To Do"

June 21, 2022

Virtual Event

BASF Presentation: Joanna Storey to Review Legal Ethical Concepts in Fictional Attorney Scenarios May 12, 2022



21st Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference

March 1 - 3, 2022

Joanna Storey to Discuss Civility and Communication in a Hybrid World

September 15, 2021

Virtual Event

Joanna Storey to Lead Interactive Presentation on Legal Ethics

August 28, 2021

Olympic Valley, California

Alyssa Johnson and Kate Schnake to Discuss How Lawyers Can Handle Difficult Client Dilemmas

July 28, 2021

Virtual Event

Joanna Storey to Discuss Issues Facing Women in the Privacy Industry

July 1, 2021

Virtual Event

Joanna Storey to Discuss Ethics Lessons Learned from Fictional Attorneys in BASF Presentation

May 11, 2021

Virtual Event

20th Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference

An All New Virtual Experience

March 2 - 4, 2021

Virtual

Joanna Storey to Discuss Legal Ethics at Bar Association of San Francisco Webinar

January 26, 2021

Joanna Storey to Discuss Practical Tips for Lawyers to Mitigate Legal Risk When Videoconferencing

January 12, 2021

Virtual Event

Joanna Storey to Discuss Legal Ethics in a Remote World at California Lawyers Association Webinar

December 16, 2020

Alyssa Johnson and Mollie Kugler Explore the Impact of Gender Bias on Women in Law

December 15, 2020

Virtual Event

Joanna Storey to Discuss Ethical Risks of Video Conferencing for Lawyers

October 16, 2020

Virtual Event

Joanna Storey to Address Ethical Risks for Lawyers Working Remotely

October 14, 2020

Virtual Event

Susie Dent Addresses Ethical Issues Impacting LGBTQ+ Attorneys, Clients, and the Courts

June 25, 2020

Webinar

2020 Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference

March 3 - 5, 2020

The Ritz-Carlton Chicago



Joanna Storey to Discuss California Rules of Professional Conduct in BASF Presentation on Trust Accounting and IOLTAs January 23, 2020

BASF Conference Center | San Francisco, California

Noah Fiedler and Alyssa Johnson to Present NBI Seminar on the Legal Ethics of Client Communications December 27, 2019

Noah Fiedler and Alyssa Johnson to Present NBI Seminar on Attorney's Duty of Technological Competence

December 17, 2019

Holiday Inn Milwaukee Riverfront | Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Hinshaw's Steve Puiszis to Discuss Ethical Duty of Law Firms to Protect Client Data

December 3, 2019

300 N LaSalle Dr | Chicago, Illinois

Tom McGarry Reviews IP Law Malpractice Developments at 10th Annual Ethics in the Practice of IP Law Seminar

June 7, 2019

Chicago, Illinois

Steve Puiszis to Discuss Implications of Evolving Technology on Legal Industry at ABA Young Professionals Event

June 6, 2019

223 South Wacker | Chicago, Illinois

NBI Rebroadcast of Noah Fiedler and Alyssa Johnson's Presentation on "Top Legal Ethics Oversteps and How to Avoid Them"

May 14, 2019

Webinar

Hinshaw's Cassidy Chivers to Present at ABA National Legal Malpractice Conference

April 5, 2019

Miami Beach, Florida

Rebroadcast of Noah Fiedler and Alyssa Johnson Discussion of the Legal Ethics of Client Communications

March 14, 2019

Webinar

2019 Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference

March 5 - 7, 2019

Westin Chicago River North

Steve Puiszis to Discuss GDPR and Data Privacy Laws at ABA TECHSHOW

February 28, 2019

Chicago, Illinois

Ed Donohue and Cassidy Chivers to Present on Professional Ethics Relating to Cyber Security and Diminished Capacity of a Client

February 7, 2019

Hyatt Regency | Santa Rosa, California

Cassidy Chivers to Discuss California's New Rules of Professional Conduct in DRI Webinar

December 6, 2018

Webinar

Cassidy Chivers to Discuss "Ethical Issues in Licensing" in PLI Legal Education Course

December 5, 2018

Webinar



Tom McGarry and Michael Ruff to Discuss the Professional Obligations and Qualities of Lawyers in CBA Presentation

September 21, 2018

CBA Headquarters | Chicago, Illinois

Hinshaw Attorneys Scheduled to Present at DRI Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Seminar

September 7, 2018

Loews Hotel | Chicago, Illinois

GDPR Compliance Roundtable

July 26, 2018

Chicago, Illinois

Steve Puiszis to Discuss Data Privacy Challenges Impacting the Legal Industry in Thomson Reuters Sponsored Presentation

May 23, 2018

Chicago, Illinois

2018 Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference

March 5, 2018

320 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL

2017 Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference: EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE

March 1, 2017

320 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL

Steven Puiszis to Speak at IDC/MODL Defense Law Seminar

September 29, 2016

Steve Puiszis to Speak at the International Legal Technology Association Conference

August 31, 2016

Steven Puiszis to Speak at Law Bulletin Ethics 2016 Conference

June 7, 2016

Swissotel Chicago: 323 E Upper Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL 60601

Steven Puiszis to Speak at Part II of the 2016 Symposium on the Law, Policy, and Implementation of Legal Protections for Data Management

April 12, 2016

The John Marshall Law School

Steven Puiszis to Speak at ABA Webinar "Bring Your Own Device (BYOD): Ethical and Practical Risks/Rewards of Using Smartphones & Tablets for Work"

January 13, 2016

Webinar

Steven Puiszis to Present Amendments to the Federal Rules on Discovery at a DRI Live Webcast

December 10, 2015

Live Webcast

Hinshaw Attorneys Tom McGarry and Steve Puiszis to Speak at the DRI Webinar "Risk Management for Law Firms: How to Prevent Legal Malpractice Claims"

November 19, 2015

Robert Romero to Present at PLI's California Trial Advocacy 2015 Seminar

August 5, 2015

PLI California Center, 685 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105 or via Webinar



Ed Donohue and Robert Romero to Present at ACIC's 26th General Counsel Seminar

July 22, 2015

Encore at Wynn Las Vegas

Steve Puiszis to Present at Law Bulletin Ethics Conference

June 16, 2015

Lucerne Ballroom of the Swissotel Chicago at 323 East Wacker Drive

Patrick Devine and Jennifer Fisher to Present West LegalEdcenter Live webcast on Use of Expert Witnesses in Legal Malpractice Cases

March 31, 2015

Live Webcast

Kate Schnake to Present West LegalEdcenter Webcast on "Client Confidential"

April 30, 2014

Webcast

Patrick Devine to Present West LegalEdcenter Live Webcast on "Are Those Damages Recoverable?"

March 31, 2014

Webcast

2014 LMRM Conference - Risk Management Topics

March 7, 2014

2014 LMRM - Legal Malpractice/Risk Management Cross-Over Topics

March 6, 2014

2014 LMRM - Legal Malpractice Topics

March 5, 2014

Practical Ethical Solutions

September 17, 2013

WEBCAST: Just How Absolute Is A Litigation Attorney's Immunity From Liability to A Non-Client?

August 20, 2013

WEBCAST: Social Network Media - Will You Be My Facebook Friend?

May 10, 2013

Webinar

2011 LMRM Conference Panel: What You Need to Know About Lawyers' Liability Under the Federal and State Securities

Laws

February 16, 2011

2011 LMRM Conference Panel: Using Pretrial Remedies – Anti-SLAPP Statutes, and Other Evidentiary Early Disposition Motions

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2011 LMRM Conference Panel: Establishing a Fiduciary Breach

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Publications

Fee Sharing Between Lawyers Under ABA Rule 1.5(e): How to Protect Yourself and the Client May 14, 2024

A Defense Win in Texas on the Issue of "But For" Proximate Causation in a Legal Malpractice Case



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Illinois Appellate Court Affirms Default Judgment Against Attorney After He Repeatedly Fabricated Expert Witness Disclosures "From Whole Cloth"

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Illinois Appellate Court Rejects the Crime-Fraud Exception in a Defamation Claim

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Colorado Appellate Court Affirms Summary Judgment on Plaintiff's Claim of Defendants' Negligence in "Inadequate Settlement" Case for Lack of "But For" Causation

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Deciphering Forum Non-Conveniens: Global Law Firm Headquarters' Location Deemed a Convenient Forum

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Florida Bar Advisory Opinion 24-1 Gives Green Light to Generative AI Use by Lawyers – With Four Ethical Caveats

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Lack of Proximate Cause Dooms Plaintiff's Appeal of Adverse Summary Judgment

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Continuous Representation Rule Does Not Extend the Statute of Limitations in Legal Malpractice Claims

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Florida Appellate Court Invalidates Arbitration Provision in Fee Agreement for Violating Florida Bar Rules

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Ghosts of Clients Past: 3 Ethical Duties to Former Clients and Things to Consider When Moving Between Firms

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Fraudulent Concealment and/or Equitable Estoppel Tolled the Statute of Repose in a Legal Malpractice Claim

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Illinois Appellate Court Confirms That the Statute of Limitations Commences Once the Plaintiff Has Sufficient Evidence to Know of Her Injury

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Massachusetts District Court Sides With Insurer Because of Insured's Failure to Provide Timely Notice of the Claim

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Different Outcomes for Two Law Firms in Legal Malpractice Case Confirm That Lawyers Representing Estate Administrator Do Not Owe a Duty to Beneficiaries

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California's New "Snitch" Rule Means Attorneys Must Report Other Attorneys' Misconduct to the State Bar or Tribunal



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New York Federal Judge Declines to Reconsider Decision That Continuous Representation Doctrine Does Not Toll Statute of Limitations

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Continuous Representation Rule Does Not Apply to Legal Malpractice Actions Says Georgia Appeals Court

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Absolute Litigation Privilege Bars Claim for Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress Even Where Conduct is Unreasonable

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Law Firm Exonerated Because an Unforeseen Change in a Party's Testimony was the Superseding Cause of the Claimed Malpractice Injury

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New York Lawyer Who Cited Non-Existent Cases Generated by ChatGPT Now Faces Sanctions Hearing

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A Multistate Analysis of the Ethical Rules Governing Attorneys Working Remotely

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Federal District Court Holds That Engagement Letter Limited Scope of Law Firm's Duties

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New Jersey Appellate Court Affirms Summary Judgment in Favor of Malpractice Defendants Due to Plaintiff's Failure to Establish Duty and Proximate Cause

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Illinois Appellate Court Affirms That Attorney Representing a Closely Held Business Does Not Owe a Duty to its Managing Member

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Identifying and Resolving Conflicts of Interest: Three Simple Rules

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Appellate Court Affirms \$700,000 Judgment Against Lawyer in Malpractice Action, in Part, Because Defendant Failed to File Post-Trial Motion

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Florida Appellate Court Reverses Summary Judgment for Attorneys Where They Could Have Remedied Prior Counsel's Mistakes and Salvaged Plaintiff's Case

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Where Cannabis Law Stands Today: When State Law Says Yes, but Federal Law STILL Says No

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Ransomware: The Ghoulish Battle With New Rules



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California Court Affirms Ethical and Statutory Obligation to Warn Opposing Counsel of Intent to Seek Default

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When Aggressive Tactics Cross the Line: Illinois ARDC Suspends Lawyer Accused of Sending "Abusive and Aggressive" E-Mails

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Illinois Supreme Court Holds Former Client Alleging Legal Malpractice May Recover Punitive Damages Awarded Against it in Underlying Case

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Massachusetts Court Applies Litigation Privilege to Dismiss Claims Against Attorney Accused of Fraudulent Activity During Trial

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Pennsylvania Allows Suit Against Attorneys for "Bad Settlements" Where Fraud/Negligence Alleged

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Sharing Fees Between Lawyers

June/July, 2022

Clients Also Have Responsibilities: Plaintiffs' Lack of Diligence Defeats Fraudulent Concealment Claim and Precludes Tolling of Statute of Repose

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Summary Judgment Granted in Defendants' Favor As There Was No Attorney-Client Relationship Between Plaintiffs And Defendants

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Legal Ethics Trend – Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity

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Lawyer Unsuccessfully Attempts to Invoke Statute of Limitations Defense in Malpractice Claim Alleging He Missed Statute of Limitations on Underlying Claims

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California Appellate Court Denies Anti-SLAPP Motion and Sanctions Attorney for his "Tunnel Vision"

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Illinois Court Holds Plaintiff Failed to Show Her Attorneys Mishandled Discovery or That She Would Have Prevailed in Underlying Case

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In Unusual Ruling, Rhode Island Supreme Court Excuses Statute of Limitations Violation Because of COVID-Related Issues

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Third Circuit Affirms Plaintiff Must Establish He Would Have Prevailed in Underlying Case But For Attorneys' Alleged Negligence

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California Court: Attorney's Failure to Cite Known Adverse Authority Violated Duty of Candor To Court

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Lawyers, Don't Be Willfully Blind to Suspected Client Fraudulent Conduct

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When Aggressive Settlement Tactics Go Too Far: California Appellate Court Holds Counsel's Threat to Reveal Opponent's Alleged Illegal Activity was Extortion

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"Bonus Payment" Phishing Emails Are Seeking New Ransomware Victims

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Illinois Supreme Court Applies Adverse Judgment Rule, Rejects Statute of Limitations Defense in Legal Malpractice Claim February 1, 2022

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Defendant's Due Process Rights Violated When Counsel's Remote Technology Prevented Meaningful Participation in Trial January 24, 2022

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11 Legal Ethics Opinions You May Have Missed in 2021

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The Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletter – Recent Developments in Risk Management – November 2021

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Illinois Appellate Court Reverses Summary Judgment for Defendants on Plaintiffs' Malpractice Claims Stemming From \$2.8 Million Estate Dispute

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Eleventh Circuit Finds Attorneys Owed No Duty to be Clairvoyant on Unsettled Law

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Marijuana Company's Legal Malpractice Claim Goes Up in Smoke

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Illinois Appellate Court Affirms Summary Judgment For Defendant in Legal Malpractice Action Based on No Duty and No Causation



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Property Owners Allege Their Own Lawyers Helped Initiate Ruinous Downzoning, Case Dismissed Due to Statute of Limitations

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The California Lawyers Association Ethics Committee Provides Guidance on the Elements of Effective Ethical Screens August 6, 2021

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Illinois Appellate Court Holds Legal Malpractice Claim is Barred by Statute of Repose, Rejects Plaintiff's Tolling Argument July 22, 2021

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