

# Former Partner Sentenced to Five Years in Prison for Scheme to Bribe Alabama Lawmaker

A former partner at Balch & Bingham has been sentenced to five years in prison for a scheme to bribe an Alabama state legislator to oppose expansion of a site designated for an environmental cleanup, **reports** the *ABA Journal*.

Gilbert was part of Balch & Bingham's environmental and natural resources practice, according to reporter **Debra Cassens Weiss**. Prosecutors had alleged he and a co-defendant, coal company executive David Roberson, funneled \$360,000 to the state lawmaker through a consulting contract with his private foundation.

The lawmaker, former Alabama State Rep. Oliver Robinson, was previously sentenced to 33 months in prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy, bribery, wire fraud and tax evasion, the *Journal* reports.

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