

# **\$11 Million a Year for a Law Partner? Bidding War Grows at Top-Tier Firms**

Sandra Goldstein, a former leader of Cravath, Swaine & Moore's litigation department who is leaving the firm to join Kirkland & Ellis, will be well-compensated in her new role: \$11 million a year for five years, plus a signing bonus, according to *The New York Times*.

"What has the legal profession's upper ranks abuzz is that for decades partners almost never left Cravath voluntarily – not for other law firms, at least, let alone for a firm like Kirkland, which is in some ways Cravath's polar opposite," writes reporter **James B. Stewart**.

He adds that Kirkland has shaken up the profession and expanded its practice by poaching top partners from Cravath, Latham and Skadden Arps Meagher Slate & Flom.

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