

# **Biglaw Associates Caught Overbilling Lose Jobs, Ability to Practice Law**

“Billing is a huge part of working at a Biglaw firm. As an associate, your life is divided into tenths of an hour, and if you don’t meet your hourly requirements by year end, you can expect to be penalized accordingly. Everyone else may be getting enormous bonuses but not you. No, you’ll be lucky if you,” reports Staci Zaretsky in their *Above The Law*.

“This harsh reality is why some lawyers overbill their clients. If they get caught, the punishment can be even worse than going without a bonus. John P. Paleczny and Stephanie A. Gerstetter, now former associates at Lewis Brisbois and Reed Smith, respectively, learned this lesson the hard way. As reported by the *ABA Journal*, both Illinois.”

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