

Biglaw Co-Chair Charged in College Bribery Scheme

Bloomberg Law **reports** that Willkie Farr & Gallagher Co-Chairman Gordon R. Caplan has been charged along with dozens of others, including Hollywood actors and executives, in a criminal conspiracy to bribe college admissions officials to gain admission for their children to top universities.

According to Bloomberg's Melissa Heelan Stanzione, Caplan was arrested at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday and was released on \$500,000 bail after appearing in Manhattan federal court.

Caplan has been charged with donating \$75,000 to the Key Worldwide Foundation. "In an exchange detailed in court filings, two of the FBI's cooperating witnesses agreed to proctor his daughter's college entrance exam and correct the answers after she finished it," Stanzione reports.

Another Bloomberg **report** contains a transcript of a discussion involving a call Caplan had with William Singer, the founder of a corrupt college counseling and test-prep business who would later become a cooperating witness:

"Look, I'm particularly interested in working with you guys and figuring out what's best for [my daughter]," Caplan said, according to the criminal complaint, which details the conversation intercepted on a court-authorized wiretap.

**Read the Bloomberg reports
here and here.**