

# DLA Piper Turns Sex-Assault Probe Back on Accuser: Cites Alleged 'Flirtation'

DLA Piper, fighting a sexual-assault claim against a former partner, filed a response to the accusation Tuesday, saying the lawyer who filed the complaint orchestrated a "flirtation" to advance her career, **reports** Bloomberg News.

DLA and former partner Louis Lehot parted ways after his colleague Vanina Guerrero accused the star Silicon Valley lawyer of sexually assaulting her.

The firm said it conducted an "impartial investigation" of the matter.

"Ms. Guerrero was a willing participant in a lengthy emotional flirtation with Mr. Lehot that she orchestrated to advance her career," DLA Piper said in a letter to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, citing Guerrero's emails.

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