

Ex-BigLaw Partner Accused of 'Shaking His Behind' at Opposing Counsel Escapes Sanction

"A federal judge in Houston has ruled that there is no need to sanction a former BigLaw lawyer after a motion accusing him of 'shaking his behind' at a mediation went viral," reports Debra Cassens Weiss in ABA Journal's *News*.

"U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal noted that the facts are in dispute about what happened and who is to blame. In any event, she said in her May 4 order, lawyer Dennis Duffy's reputation has already taken a hit, and that made sanctions unnecessary."

"Duffy was a partner at BakerHostetler when the sanctions motion was filed in February. He now works at Kane Russell Coleman & Logan, Law360 reports. He no longer represents the Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. in the discrimination case filed against it."

"Rosenthal began her opinion this way: 'One of the sentences a judge does not imagine—much less welcome—writing includes the words 'butt shaking' in describing a lawyer's alleged actions at a mediation. Sadly, those words fit here.'"

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