

Federal Judge to Holland & Knight: Sit Down and Shut Up

A judge in the Southern District of New York had some harsh words for Holland & Knight lawyers when they filed a response that the judge felt “abused the Court’s courtesy,” **reports Above the Law.**

Judge Paul Engelmayer last week heard argument on a motion to disqualify Holland & Knight in a dispute between its client, First NBC Bank, and a company called Murex. The judge asked the firm and its client to reflect on the issue and then write a letter informing the court of their final determination, but admonished them that “by extending this courtesy, it was *not* inviting additional substantive briefing on issues related to disqualification,” writes **Joe Patrice.**

The firm’s response had made it clear that he didn’t want additional substantive briefing. But that’s what Holland & Knight provided.

In response, the judge gave Murex permission to file a supplemental brief – with no limits on length or substance. He also disinvited HK and their client from filing a reply to Murex.

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