

# Former Associate Gets Jail Time In BigLaw Extortion Case

Former Dentons associate Michael Potere once said he wasn't afraid of jail time for trying to extort his former employer, according to **Above the Law**, but now he has been sentenced to five months in prison.

**Kathryn Rubino** explains that Potere used access to a partner's email account to download sensitive information about the firm. Then he threatened to release the information unless the firm gave him \$210,000 and a piece of artwork.

Prosecutors had asked for a three-month prison sentence, but the U.S. district judge handling the case sentenced him to five months, plus a year of supervised release.

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