

# Law Firm Avoids Email-Related Sanctions in Attorney Pay Suit

A North Carolina law firm shouldn't be sanctioned for failing to take steps to preserve emails that are potentially relevant to a lawsuit brought by a former partner, a business court judge ruled, according to **Bloomberg Law**.

The court found that the law firm's duty to preserve emails arose four weeks before it issued a litigation hold. But sanctions aren't warranted because there are no facts to suggest any potentially relevant emails were lost, he said.

Reporter **Michael Greene** quotes the judge: "There must be a specific reason, beyond mere speculation that relevant information was lost as a result of a delayed litigation hold, to justify imposing sanctions."

**Read the Bloomberg article.**