

# Lawyer's Alleged Misconduct Gets Her Jury Verdict Tossed as Sanction

Bloomberg Law **reports** that a federal appeals court has ruled that a district court had the right to toss a jury verdict as a sanction because of the severity of a lawyer's "continuous, contumacious" conduct.

The trial court had set aside a plaintiff's verdict in an excessive-force claim against a Chicago police officer by entering judgment for defendants based on misconduct by plaintiff's lawyer, Dana L. Kurtz.

The trial judge outlined the misconduct that led to the sanction, including the eliciting of barred testimony, witness misconduct and lack of preparation, lack of candor, and destruction of evidence.

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