

New LawsUIT Accuses DLA Piper Of 'Strident Double-Dealing'

"A new lawsuit filed in Kansas state court by propane supply company Ferrellgas Partners, an ex-client of Biglaw firm DLA Piper, alleges the firm engaged in 'strident double-dealing' that was only revealed when the wrong invoice was mistakenly sent to Ferrellgas," reports Kathryn Rubino in *Above the Law's Biglaw*.

"In July of 2018, the company hired DLA Piper for debt restructuring advice. According to the suit, the work on that matter naturally tapered off by November of that year, but the representation was not formally terminated. However, in November of 2019 Ferrellgas received a \$14,000 invoice, signed by Thomas Califano – the same restructuring partner they'd previously worked with – for research about Ferrellgas. During that same time, the company was fielding hostile takeover threats."

"The lawsuit says that after inquiries from Ferrellgas, DLA returned their client file and that the firm says an internal investigation revealed the client information was not used in connection with work for any other client. But the lawsuit draws the conclusion that the invoice revealed DLA was working for adverse interests."

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