

# N.J. Lawyer Accused in Sex for Legal Services Sting Found Dead

## **NEWS**

The lawyer faced charges of criminal sexual contact after he allegedly propositioned a female undercover detective in a sting operation.

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# Miller & Chevalier Elects Two New Members

## **NEWS**

Miller & Chevalier Chartered announced that the firm elected two new members: Michael J. Satin and Addy R. Schmitt, both of whom practice in the areas of white collar defense and complex civil litigation.

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# Litigation, Arbitration Lawyer William Joins Hogan Lovells

## **NEWS**

William (Bill) Regan has joined Hogan Lovells' New York office

as partner in the Litigation and Arbitration practice group.

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## **Hall Estill Adds Reed Smith Partner Leah Rudnicki as Oil and Gas Practice Expands**

### **NEWS**

Hall Estill expands its oil and gas practice with the addition of Leah Rudnicki, most recently a partner at Reed Smith in Houston. Rudnicki, an Oklahoma native, joins the firm's Oklahoma City office.

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## **Quarles and Brady Partner Andre Fiebig Publishes Two Books**

### **NEWS**

Andre Fiebig, a partner at Quarles & Brady, authored two books on antitrust law issues for Thomson Reuters and the American Bar Association.

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# Florida Lawyer Permanently Disbarred for Role in DUI Setup

## NEWS

Stephen Diaco, one of three lawyers accused of setting up a rival's DUI arrest, was permanently disbarred Thursday by the Florida Supreme Court, reports *The Tampa Tribune*.

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# Disbarred Lawyer Gets 30 Days for Theft of Blind Client's \$400k Inheritance

## NEWS

Timothy Darden pleaded no contest to two felony grand theft charges and must serve 30 days in jail and pay \$471,500 in restitution to his two victims over a five-year probation period.

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# Buchalter Nemer Rings in 2016 with the Creation of New

# Japan Practice

## **NEWS**

The establishment of the practice coincides with the arrival of Sabina A. Helton and Steven M. Nakasone in the firm's Los Angeles office.

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# Veteran Government Affairs Attorney Jim Perras Joins Wilson Elser

## **NEWS**

National law firm Wilson Elser announces that Jim Perras has joined the firm's Hartford, CT, office as of counsel.

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# Judge Sanctions Prominent Dallas Lawyer for Misconduct

## **NEWS**

Brewer and his law firm conducted a push poll with questions and statements "designed to influence or alter the opinion or attitude of the person being polled," the judge ruled.

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# IP Attorney Bradley D. Coburn Joins Dykema Cox Smith's Austin Office

## **NEWS**

Bradley D. Coburn has joined Dykema's Intellectual Property Department as a member of the firm's Austin office

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# Trial Lawyer Robin Harrison Joins Houston-Based Hicks Thomas

## **NEWS**

Trial lawyer Robin L. Harrison has joined the Houston-based commercial litigation firm Hicks Thomas LLP as a partner.

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# AZA Names Nine New Hires

## **NEWS**

Houston-based Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing has added nine attorneys.

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# Trial Lawyer Regina Rodriguez Joins Hogan Lovells in Denver

## **NEWS**

Hogan Lovells announces that Regina (Gina) Rodriguez has joined the Litigation and Arbitration Practice Group as a partner in the firm's Denver office.

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# Rose•Walker Law Firm Adds Attorney Faith Eaton in Dallas

## **NEWS**

The national trial and business law firm Rose•Walker LLP has added attorney Faith Eaton in the firm's Dallas office.

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# Rudy Giuliani Leaves Bracewell's for New Crisis

# Management Role

## **NEWS**

Former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani is leaving Houston-based Bracewell Giuliani to joining New York-based Greenberg Traurig as global chair of their cybersecurity and crisis management practice.

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# Schiff Hardin Adds Financial Markets Partner in New York

## **NEWS**

Schiff Hardin LLP announces that Domenick Pugliese has joined the firm's New York office as a partner in the Financial Markets and Products Group.

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# Termination Clause in Contingent Fee Contract Is Invalid

## **NEWS**

A Pennsylvania court has ruled that a fired contingent fee attorney can't enforce a provision in his fee agreement requiring a client to pay the lawyer 20 percent of his eventual recovery if the client changes counsel.

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# **Wilson Elser Opens New Orleans Office with Lisa Africk at the Helm**

## **NEWS**

National law firm Wilson Elser announced the opening of a New Orleans office, the firm's 30th U.S. office and the fourth opened in the past 12 months.

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# **Texas Law Firm GODWIN PC Names R. Alan York Managing Shareholder, COO**

## **NEWS**

GODWIN PC has named Houston appellate attorney and firm President R. Alan York as Managing Shareholder and Chief Operating Officer, effective January 6, 2016.