

# Court Finds That Text Message Can Form Binding Contract

## *Insight*

A Massachusetts court ruled that a string of text messages can constitute a writing under the Statute of Frauds sufficient to bind the parties to sell certain property, writes Matthew DeVries on Burr & Forman LLP's Best Practices Construction Law.

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# Enforceability of Electronic Agreements in Real Estate Transactions

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It is becoming common for more and more transactions to be created, negotiated, finalized and executed electronically, according to an alert from Arnall Golden Gregory LLP. From a real estate perspective, virtually all documents other than those that are being recorded are exchanged electronically.

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# Beck Redden's Pfeiffer Leads

# Charge to Overturn Fifth Circuit Decision

## **News**

When Beck Redden partner and appellate specialist Connie Pfeiffer led the charge to overturn a Fifth Circuit decision, the path to victory was nearly certain to be long and arduous, the firm said in a release.

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# On the Nature of Being Mistaken in Contract

## **Article**

Successful cases of contract reformation based on unilateral mistake are exceedingly rare – so endeavor not to be mistaken, cautions Glenn West of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in the firm's *Global Private Equity Watch*.

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## **News**

Veteran real estate lawyer William "Bill" Ellis has joined Akerman LLP's Los Angeles office as a partner in the Real Estate Practice Group.