

# The Biglaw Firm Defending the Catholic Church



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Above the Law **reports** that Cardinal Donald Wuerl has tapped Jones Day to represent him on matters relating to a grand jury report that alleged the sexual abuse of thousands of victims at Catholic dioceses across Pennsylvania.

Wuerl, as the former bishop of Pittsburgh, allegedly failed to remove priests accused of abuse from their ministries, according to the report.

Editor **Kathryn Rubino** quoted from a Law.com report that Wuerl has already been on the offensive:

“[Archdiocese of Washington general counsel Kim Viti Fiorentino], Wuerl’s in-house lawyer, has attacked the Pennsylvania grand jury report and its depiction of Wuerl. In an interview with her archdiocese’s weekly newspaper published Tuesday, Fiorentino said the investigatory process and resulting report, ‘narrowly targeted the Catholic Church in six dioceses in Pennsylvania and was generated in a process that suffered from significant legal flaws.’”

**Read the Above the Law article.**

