

Two Biglaw Firms Get Benchslapped As Federal Judge Questions 'Integrity'

Ninth Circuit Judge William A. Fletcher had some harsh words for lawyers from DLA Piper and Munger Tolles & Olson when he told them that he had "serious concerns with the integrity of your brief."

Above the Law **reports** on the case, adding that Fletcher told the lawyers: "There are statements and representations that we view as inaccurate and misleading to an unusual degree."

The appellate court took issue with the lawyers' brief in a case in which their client, BNSF Railway Co., sued the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community over shipping crude oil through reservation land. The judge said the firms glossed over or tried to hide key context in the firms' referrals to some prior cases.

Read the Above the Law article.