Venable Sues Ex-Client Over $300K Bill

In a federal lawsuit against a former client, Venable doesn't simply accuse Overseas Lease Group Inc. of failing to pay a $300,000 bill, reports the ABA Journal.

The company fraudulently induced Venable to step in and pursue big-ticket contract litigation against the U.S. government on its behalf after failing to pay a $229,000 bill to its former counsel, contends the complaint in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, The Journal reports.

Then, by urging Venable to handle the case aggressively, OLG unnecessarily ran up the bill at its new law firm, the suit says.

"We intend to vigorously defend the allegations, including raising claims of gross overbilling, overstaffing and duplicative charging of time as reported to us by our independent expert's review of the Venable invoices," OLG general counsel Donna Marie Zerbo told the Blog of Legal Times.

Read the story.