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Carver Town Counsel Sued by Their Own Employee

According to an article in Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly Leonard Kopelman and his firm Kopleman & Paige have been sued for allegedly not allowing Kopelman's personal assistant, Patricia Elkins, to take time off under FMLA when she was stricken with cancer.

The article states that the attorneys suing K&P, like Fixcarver.com, think the rules apply to everyone. Rebecca Pontikes and Tara Swartz partners in a small Boston firm regularly sue other law firms for employment discrimination and other violations. It continues "Most lawyers agree that having so many cases against other law firms is unusual and risky and comes with a price in the legal community" The attorney representing K&P don't seem appreciate being on the receiving end of a lawsuit. Attorney Shepherd is quoted in the article as stating "To accuse a different type of employer of, say, discrimination is one thing, but to accuse a law firm of violating laws seems more serious. We couldn't agree more!

In a Town with multiple pending discrimination cases it's advisable to retain a law firm with significant employment discrimination experience. One would hope their experience would not, however, include experience as a defendant.

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