

Attorneys Scolded For Submitting An Inflated Request For Attorneys' Fees

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In some instances, after winning a lawsuit on behalf of their client, attorneys are permitted by law to file a motion with the court asking the judge to order the defendant to pay their client's attorney's fees. Although most attorney's keep accurate records of the time that they spend performing services, in some instances, attorney's abuse the attorney's fees process by submitting inflated requests for fees.

Earlier this month in New York — Four law firms submitted a “grossly inflated” \$2.7 million fee request after winning just a \$12,500 victory on behalf of their client. The federal judge was so outraged with the request that the judge ruled that the law firms should go away empty-handed (and recover nothing).

U.S. District Judge Joanna Seybert condemned the fee application submitted by real estate investor Robert Toussie's attorneys, including \$2.65 million for the firm, as “outrageously excessive” and done in “bad faith.” The Court stated that “Counsel have so grossly inflated their fee application to a figure more than 200 times [their client's] recovery...in the hopes that the Court would award even a small fraction of that. Such conduct will not be tolerated.”.

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