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Castel Ups Stakes For Lawyers Who Barge Into Federal Court, Law360 ft. Brett Scher

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New York (August 01, 2014, 11:18 AM ET) — Judge P. Kevin Castel's recent order for Chartwell Law Offices lawyers to enroll in basic law classes after a firm partner gamed his way into federal court did not mark the first time the Manhattan jurist has taken umbrage at jurisdictional shenanigans, but the unusual punishment was a clear signal that bending the rules will carry increasing risk.

The latest target of Judge Castel's ire was Chartwell Law's New York City-based personal-injury liability defense partner William H. Grae, who was called on the carpet for removing a slip-and-fall suit to federal court even though he knew in-state parties are not allowed to…

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