



HR Lessons From Trump's Firing of FBI Chief, *Human Resource Executive*, ft. Ellen Storch

Ellen Storch, partner at Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck on Long Island, was interviewed by Jack Robinson for *Human Resource Executive* on May 15, 2017.

Some employment lawyers couldn't help themselves last week after President Trump fired FBI director James Comey in a political incident that quickly spun out of control: They found lessons for their corporate clients from the high-profile inside-the-Beltway affair.

"I wanted to go on CNN or MSNBC, there was so much to say," laughed Ellen R. Storch, a partner with Kaufman Dolowich Voluck LLP in Woodbury, N.Y.

The comparison to corporate HR is plausible, Storch notes, since any large company may have regional or divisional leaders whom the CEO might target for showboating," to use the president's term about Comey.

But any CEO who fired a high-profile subordinate as Trump fired Comey would be exposing the company to legal risks, says Storch, whose practice includes both litigation and counseling employers on best practices.