

Nonlawyer Gets Chance to Enforce Alleged Legal Fee-Split Pact

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Thomas Wilkinson, a member of Cozen O'Connor's Commercial Litigation Department, was quoted in the article, "Nonlawyer Gets Chance to Enforce Alleged Legal Fee-Split Pact," for the *ABA BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct*. A fractured ruling from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court highlights a fundamental debate on whether nonlawyers can recover on contracts to split legal fees with lawyers — a practice prohibited by legal ethics rules. The decision breathes new life into a lawsuit by SCF Consulting LLC, a nonlawyer consulting firm, which claims that Barrack, Rodos & Bacine promised SCF 5 percent of the law firm's annual profits from cases that SCF originated and worked on. Tom believes "The Justices' opinions reflect the same range of views that were expressed within the bar association committees that collaborated in preparing the amicus brief."

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