

## Joe Hayden Explores Al Alvarez' Hiring Process

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Partner Joe Hayden, a member of Pashman Stein Walder Hayden's Criminal Defense and Governmental and Internal Investigations Group explores Al Alvarez' hiring process.

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*"Alvarez' hiring process, such as it was, was further explored by committee co-counsel Joseph Hayden. As he walked through the administration's hiring patterns in general, Hayden asked Parikh if the individual who hired Alvarez – this mystery person – may have wanted to know about the sexual assault allegation. It was here that Parikh sounded a bit too much like previous witnesses, suggesting that informing someone of that would have been illegal."*

*"Hayden, a veteran attorney, wasn't buying it, noting that the two officials who ran the Schools Development Authority when Alvarez was there have testified they would have wanted to know about the sexual assault allegation."*

*"Nonetheless, Hayden was obviously trying to bring the discussion into the "real" world. And that world continues to suggest that the governor should have known about the allegation against Alvarez, as should have whoever hired him. Just as an aside, can they be one in the same? In one anecdote offered by Parikh, Murphy and Alvarez were friendly to each other during the transition and occasionally talked about soccer."*

*There was no speculation about that, but Hayden eventually observed, "Ultimately, common sense trumps everything."*

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