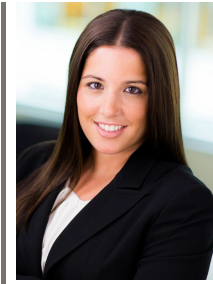


Prosecutors Failed to Prove Ed Pawlowski Co-Defendant Scott Allinson was Part of Conspiracy, Lawyers Assert

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Megan Scheib, a member of Cozen O'Connor's White Collar Defense & Investigations Practice, is quoted in *The Morning Call* on the sentencing of Allentown, Pa., lawyer Scott Allinson, who was convicted of participating in a pay-to-play scheme with former Mayor Ed Pawlowski. Pawlowski and Allinson were found guilty of participating in a conspiracy to trade city work and favors for campaign cash. Megan, who represents Allinson, argued in court that his actions were not enough to tie him into a broader bribery conspiracy said to control City Hall and asked the court to consider probation or house arrest due to Allinson's limited involvement in the case and his otherwise good record. Megan's argument resulted in prosecutors being pressed by U.S. District Judge Juan R. Sanchez to explain how Allinson was connected to the pay-to-play conspiracy described in the indictment. Megan went on to argue that Allinson did not share the same common goals as the other parties in the case and that a "wink and a nod" is not enough in campaign contribution cases. "That is the central legal issue in this case," Megan said. "We have long fought this battle to show that it is not a wink and a nod."

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