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When I first learned that my employer, the New York Attorney General, had told the N.Y. Post that I was suspended without pay I was shocked, because my employer had not even asked me if the allegations that I had performed at S & M events for pay was even true. After all my years of service to the public as a N.Y. Assistant Attorney General I was devastated to find that my employer would take the word of a tabloid and not even give me a chance to respond before imposing such drastic and unwarranted disciplinary action on me.

It made me wonder if I was being made a sacrificial lamb for political reasons. Was the N.Y. A.G.'s office simply trying to save the Attorney General from what they feared could be a political embarrassment? Now I believe that was in fact the reason that they acted the way that they did.

It makes me wonder how many other hard working attorneys in their office they are willing to throw under their political bus as they try to protect their reputation and their political future rather than their dedicated employees and the investing public.

All of their actions towards me have been extremely disturbing because I have never accepted any money or payment from any outside source for anything while I have been employed by the N.Y. Attorney General's Office. In fact, in the

two interviews that the office conducted with me after they suspended me, they presented me with no evidence at all to support the allegation that I had received payment from any outside source, nor could they, because I never have.

In light of my mistreatment by my employer I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that I feel I have no choice but to resign, because I cannot work for an employer who demonstrates such callous disregard for its loyal and hard working employees.

I am exploring my legal options, and have not yet made a decision as to whether or not I will exercise the legal rights which I have against those who have acted so recklessly to wrong me.

However, one thing is clear. I plan to continue to dedicate myself to protecting investors and I will use my many years of experience in this area to assist them in asserting and protecting their rights.

I am currently considering the offers presented to me to enter private practice and I look forward to many more years of practicing in this field.

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