

David Harper in Texas Lawyer: Dallas Federal Judge Halves Big Firm's Fee Awards

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Software company ARGO Data Resource got all of what they wanted from [David Harper](#) and his team of Haynes Boone lawyers after they convinced U.S. District Judge Jane Boyle to dismiss a theft of trade secrets case. Boyle even ruled the defense lawyers deserved a fee award for booting the plaintiff's case...

"For us, the message to it sent to a plaintiff is look, if you bring a bad claim, fees will be awarded. It may not be as bad as you think, but fees will be awarded," Harper said. "We think we should have gotten what we asked for, but we're pleased that a substantial amount was awarded."

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