

Kent Rutter in Dallas Morning News: Dallas City Attorney Responds to Paid Sick Leave Lawsuit, Wants New Judge in Case

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Dallas Morning News quoted Haynes Boone Partner [Kent Rutter](#) in an article about the Dallas City Attorney's request to transfer the venue of litigation over Dallas's paid sick leave ordinance.

Here is an excerpt:

Interim Dallas City Attorney Chris Caso wants a new federal judge to decide whether the paid sick leave ordinance is legal.

Caso on Tuesday filed a motion to move the case from the Eastern District to the Northern District Court of Texas in Dallas — which would replace U.S. District Court Judge Amos Mazzant with another randomly selected judge.

The filing Tuesday marked the city attorney's first public response to the lawsuit over the paid sick leave ordinance since two companies sued the city in federal court late July.

Kent Rutter, an appellate lawyer based in Houston, said he thinks the city is looking for a better shot at success with a different judge. The case had been assigned to Judge Amos Mazzant, whom Rutter described as "fair but conservative."

And the next one could either be equally as conservative or, if the city's lucky, more sympathetic to employees without sick leave, Rutter said.

"They're rolling the dice on a new judge," Rutter said.

To read the full article, click [here](#).