

Kent Rutter in the Dallas Morning News: Judge Denies City's Motion to Transfer Paid Sick Leave Case to Dallas Federal Court

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Haynes Boone Partner [Kent Rutter](#) talked with the *Dallas Morning News* about the recent updates to the Dallas paid sick leave ordinance lawsuit.

Here is an excerpt:

A U.S. district judge on Thursday denied Dallas' motion to transfer a lawsuit over its paid sick leave ordinance to the Northern District of Texas in Dallas. The case will remain in the Eastern District of Texas, which includes Collin County, where the plaintiffs are based.

Kent Rutter, a Houston-based appellate lawyer, said the city was hoping to get a different judge assigned to the case. Moving the lawsuit would have reassigned it to a randomly selected district judge.

Attorneys have said Dallas' paid sick leave ordinance faces an uphill battle in federal court. A state appeals court ruled against Austin's paid sick leave law last year. Dallas in August became the first Texas city to implement its sick leave law; a similar San Antonio ordinance was delayed until Dec. 1 after it was also challenged.

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