# Wigdor LLP Represents Female Ernst & Young Partner In Claims Of Sexual Harassment And Assault

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Wigdor LLP represents Jessica Casucci, a Partner at Ernst & Young ("EY"), in connection with her claims of sexual harassment, sexual assault and retaliation against EY, one of the largest accounting firms in the world.

In a complaint filed in the EEOC on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, Ms. Casucci alleges that a male Partner at EY sexually harassed and groped her at a company-sponsored conference, and then sent Ms. Casucci lewd emails and text messages asking her to join him in his hotel room later that evening.

As alleged, after Ms. Casucci finally gained the courage to report the sexual misconduct, she was told by EY's Global Diversity & Inclusiveness Officer that she might not hear anything back in response to her complaint, but that she should "trust the Firm" to take the matter seriously. Instead, EY did little or nothing to discipline the male partner in question; as Ms. Casucci would later find out in early 2018, her complaint that she was sexually assaulted was never documented, nor reported up the chain of command at EY, the EEOC complaint alleges.

Plaintiff further alleges that she had to completely reinvent her career to avoid working with the harasser, that her career trajectory and earning potential were adversely impacted and that the incident had caused her significant anxiety and stress. Meanwhile, as alleged, EY continued to discriminate against Ms. Casucci based on her gender by allowing her male attacker to remain employed without any consequences to his career up until the day the EEOC complaint was filed.

Today, Wigdor LLP filed a complaint in the EEOC on behalf of Jessica Casucci, a female partner at Ernst & Young, alleging that EY failed to take any action after Ms. Casucci complained that she was sexually harassed and assaulted. <u>https://t.co/9t2Xx3ZNsN</u>

- Wigdor LLP (@WigdorLaw) April 18, 2018

Plaintiff is represented by Wigdor LLP Partner Michael J. Willemin.

Statement of Michael J. Willemin, Partner at Wigdor LLP:



"In this day and age, when a woman shows the courage to stand up and complain about physical sexual harassment at work, one would expect her complaint to be treated with the utmost care and urgency. Sadly, Ernst & Young, the third largest accounting firm in the world, did not treat Ms. Casucci's complaint this way, and her career was seriously damaged as a result. We intend to send a message that there are consequences for companies who choose to protect male harassers rather than female victims of sexual harassment."

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