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Federal Judge Dismisses Texas Kickback Indictment Involving 10 Doctors, Pharma Executives

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Paul Coggins, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's Regulatory Investigations, Strategy, + Enforcement Practice Group, was quoted in the February 23, 2026 *The Texas Lawbook* article, "Federal Judge Dismisses Texas Kickback Indictment Involving 10 Doctors, Pharma Executives."

> "The original indictment reached back ten years and had a duplicity problem, merging two different conspiracies into one," said Paul Coggins, co-counsel for lead defendant Amir Mortazavi. "It stretched conspiracy law past the breaking point."
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> Coggins, with Troutman Pepper Locke, said the federal government attempted to resolve the issue by returning a superseding indictment, which rendered the case outside the five-year statute of limitations.
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> "The government rightly moved to dismiss the suit," said Coggins, who teamed with co-lead counsel Jennifer McCoy and attorneys Alex Lancey and Whitney Taylor.

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