

Liability E-Alert

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Jeffrey Blaker, partner, and **Chris DeLorenzo**, associate, both in our West Palm Beach office, obtained summary judgment on May 15, 2014, in favor of Defendants, the City of Port. St. Lucie, the five members of the city council, and the City Attorney in Taylor v. City of Port St. Lucie, et al, a lawsuit filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida by former assistant city attorney Gabrielle Taylor. Ms. Taylor had been employed as an assistant city attorney for 6 years when she was terminated in March 2012 by the City Attorney. Her termination was the result of a late-night DUI stop by City of Port St. Lucie police officers who then drove Ms. Taylor home.

Ms. Taylor sued the defendants under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), alleging that she was terminated because the City perceived her as being an alcoholic, a disability recognized under federal law, and that she was subjected to disparate treatment under the ADA. In addition, she sued the City, individual council members and City Attorney for violations of Florida's Sunshine Act. Less than a week before trial, the District Court entered final summary judgment in favor of the defendants on all claims.

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