

Cassidy Chivers and Joanna Storey Outline the Ethical Obligations of Law Firms Dealing with an Impaired Lawyer

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Hinshaw attorneys Cassidy Chivers and Joanna Storey recently published an article in DRI's *For the Defense* magazine titled "The Elephant in the Room: The Ethics of Discovering an Impaired Lawyer in Your Firm." In the article, Chivers and Storey outline steps law firms should consider when responding to a situation where a firm attorney has been determined to be impaired.

Chivers and Storey argue that rather than simply reacting to the news, firms should already have a response plan in place. They recommend several steps, including identifying the applicable ethics rules, talking with the impaired attorney, remaining mindful of privacy issues and also integrating mental health training into the professional development curriculum.

Read the full article "[The Elephant in the Room: The Ethics of Discovering an Impaired Lawyer in Your Firm](#)" (PDF)

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