

New York Attorney Michael Collesano Files Defamation Lawsuit Against Female Neighbor in Condominium Dispute

Public court filings highlight professional and ethical considerations in defamation law.



New York City, New York Oct 7, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - New York attorney, Michael Collesano, has filed a defamation lawsuit following a personal dispute at a midtown Manhattan condominium. According to public filings in the Supreme Court of New York County, the case involves allegations of reputational harm arising from a disagreement between condominium residents. The matter has attracted attention within the legal community due to its unusual nature and broader implications for free speech, professional conduct, and the limits of defamation law.

Legal analysts note that courts often regard emotionally charged or vulgar remarks as opinion rather than defamation, unless they assert a provably false fact. Under New York law, to succeed in a defamation claim, a plaintiff must demonstrate falsity, publication to a third party, and measurable reputational harm. Cases involving interpersonal disputes can be difficult to litigate because of the subjective nature of speech and the social context in which comments are made.

Observers also point out that the lawsuit raises questions about professional ethics under the New York Rules of Professional Conduct, which discourage using legal proceedings as a tool for personal disputes or to harass others. Some legal commentators say such cases test the balance between

protecting one's reputation and upholding decorum within the legal profession.

The case also reflects a modern dynamic sometimes referred to as the 'Streisand effect,' where attempts to suppress or respond to offensive remarks may unintentionally amplify them through public exposure.

The full story, including referenced court filings and commentary, is available on Niagara Action:
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