

Katten Partner Files Petition With US Supreme Court in Racketeering Conviction

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Katten Litigation partner Michael Rosensaft recently filed a petition in US Supreme Court on behalf of client Charles Hallinan to overturn his 2017 racketeering conviction and 14-year prison term, saying lower courts relied on unprecedented, aggressive and "troubling" legal arguments. The petition argues, as reported in *Law360*, that the Third Circuit incorrectly upheld an Eastern District of Pennsylvania judge's refusal to tell a jury that, to convict, they needed to find that Hallinan intentionally ran a scheme to collect on unlawful loans and debts.

"These instructions thwarted appellant's sole defense, which depended on his good faith belief that his actions were lawful and resulted in a directed verdict," the petition to the justices said. "The only pertinent question for the jury became whether petitioner knew a loan was made — which was conceded."

Read "[Convicted Payday Lending 'Godfather' Appeals to High Court](#)" in its entirety.

Also read "[Payday Lending 'Godfather' Takes RICO Conviction to High Court](#)," *Bloomberg Law News*, March 6, 2020

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