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## Lawyers Be Careful: Representing a Prevailing Party in a Civil Rights Case does not Automatically Guarantee a Counsel Fee Award

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My article describing recent trends in the award of attorneys' fees in civil rights case was published in the February, 2014 edition of New Jersey Lawyer Magazine. The lesson to be learned is that if an attorney expects to be paid for services at the end of a civil rights case, he or she better be pretty certain the fact finder can be convinced to award actual damages in an amount that will justify the full award of fees.

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