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Yelling Fire — A former **Parker McCay** law librarian is suing the Marlton firm in federal court, claiming she was falsely implicated in setting off a fire alarm.

The firm's offices were evacuated when the alarm sounded on June 2, but there was no fire. Later that day, Sheila Ciemniecki, 51, was confronted by the firm's chief financial officer, Ray DiSanto, who said a security video showed her pulling the alarm. She insisted she never activated the alarm and didn't even know where it was located. But the firm summoned the police and Ciemniecki was questioned by two officers, led away in handcuffs and taken to a police station, where she was held for three hours and charged with triggering a false public alarm in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-3a.

Ciemniecki was also discharged from her job of nine years, and her suit suggests there may have been a retaliatory motive. She alleges that in the weeks before the incident, she had complained to superiors about her pay and work schedule.

On July 28, the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office dismissed the charge administratively after viewing the video.

The suit, filed Dec. 23, includes counts for defamation, infliction of emotional distress and false imprisonment against the firm and DiSanto; libel and invasion of privacy against *The Central Record*, a weekly newspaper that printed an article on the arrest; and federal civil rights violations against Evesham Township, its police department and the arresting officers.

Ciemniecki hasn't found a new job yet, says her lawyer, **Laura Mattiacci** of **Stephen Console**'s office in Moorestown.

Parker McCay managing partner and chief executive officer **Philip Norcross** did not return a call. Nor did marketing manager Laurie Reiss, who is listed on the firm Web site as media contact.