

As COVID Cases Rise, Law Firms Push Lawyers and Staff to Stay Home

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Managing Member **Rudy Aguilar** (Baton Rouge) was quoted in a Nov. 20 article on Law.com's *The American Lawyer* regarding the ways firms are managing ongoing limitations imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

"I've traveled to go see clients on meetings and the like instead of Zoom, and I would continue to do it. I feel quite safe in the airports and the airplanes," said McGlinchey Stafford managing member Rudy Aguilar. "But a lot of clients and people that you would meet, they're saying, 'Don't come. We're not there,' or 'We're not accepting guests.'"

His firm also has a voluntary attendance policy, and the degree of activity in the firm's offices varies by region. More people are coming in to work in Baton Rouge, where he works, compared to New York City, for example. But on the whole, the firm is seeing a slight drop.

Aguilar presented a similar outlook, noting that McGlinchey's clients, just like its lawyers and staff, had successfully adapted to an environment of remote work. The current public health outlook, even with its other grim consequences, doesn't look to change that.

He said the firm has projected that demand will continue like it has in the last few months, and the virus uptick isn't changing that. "I think it's two-fold. No. 1, the economy's picked up. No. 2, people have adjusted and figured out what to do," he said.

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