

Janitors' Labor Deal Seen As 'Reasonable'

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Kevin Troutman, a partner in the Houston office, was quoted in the August 10 *Houston Chronicle* article "Janitors' Labor Deal Seen As 'Reasonable.'" The article reported that the Service Employees International Union, which represents 3,200 janitors who clean large office buildings in Houston, reached a tentative agreement that would give janitors a cumulative 12 percent pay raise over the next four years. The agreement came after several weeks of intermittent strikes and sit-down protests, which resulted in arrests and traffic jams. Kevin noted, "We've been fortunate here to have a better economy than other parts of country, but it seems to be a deal that reflects the economic realities of the time and that the economic future remains murky."

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