

# Out of Houston? The Venue Argument in the Skilling Case

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This article, which was published in the Winter 2011 edition of *Reynolds Courts & Media Law Journal*, Walter Bush and Christopher Freeman, tracks the course of proceedings in *Skilling* relating to the efforts of the former Enron CEO to demonstrate to the trial court that he could not get a fair trial in Houston and, post-conviction, to show not only that the refusal to transfer venue and the related rulings on the conduct of voir dire were in error, but also that his conviction was tainted with jury bias.

The proceedings in *Skilling* from the trial court through the Supreme Court not only raise interesting and relevant issues of fair trial/pre-trial publicity in our evolving media environment, but also present a context in which to review and consider existing precedent in light of this evolution.

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