



## *Opinion: Donald Trump, as CEO of the U.S., Gets an 'F' from Management Experts, MarketWatch, ft. Ellen Storch*

**Ellen Storch**, partner at Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck on Long Island, was quoted in an article written by Brett Arends, published in *MarketWatch*, on the firing method used on Director Comey on May 11, 2017.

*Republicans like to say they want to run the government like a business.*

*But if you fire a senior manager in business the way Donald Trump fired James Comey, you'll likely face a lawsuit, a stockholder panic, and independent investigations from the board and possibly regulators.*

*That's the verdict from management and legal experts contacted this week.*

*Ellen Storch, a partner at the New York law firm of Kaufman Dolowich Voluck, says that in the private sector a senior employee dismissed like that might have good grounds to sue.*

*"If an employer terminates an employee in a way that is clearly intended to embarrass the employee," she says, "depending upon the jurisdiction, the employee may have a legal claim arising out of the method of termination. The claim is one for negligent or intentional infliction of emotional distress."*

*She added that humiliating an employee in this way generally makes it much more likely that they will sue.*

*Storch represents management in labor disputes. When I asked her for the "pros and cons" of firing people like this, she replied: "There are no 'pros' whatsoever."*