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Neuberger Gets Probation for Assault

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BY MARC SHAPIRO

A prominent Baltimore lawyer and the son of a Ner Israel Rabbinical College founder was sentenced to two years of unsupervised probation for second-degree assault.

Isaac Neuberger, 67, an attorney at Neuberger, Quinn, Gielen, Rubin and Gibber, P.A., and the son of longtime Ner Israel president Rabbi Herman Neuberger, received his sentence after the state dropped fourth-degree sexual assault charges and proceeded to a stipulated non-jury trial on a lesser charge in front of Judge Melissa Phinn on Tuesday.

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facts, prosecutor Gavin Patashnick told of a December 2013 party at Neuberger's firm's office, at which Neuberger was accused of pushing a 25-year-old male caterer's shoulder while he was standing at a urinal and touched his stomach. Phinn found him guilty. If Neuberger complies with

³ the terms of probation, the conviction can be expunged from his record.

⁸⁹ According to the statement of charges, Neuberger pushed the catering employee so he'd face Neuberger before he had finishing zipping his pants up. While washing their hands, Neuberger touched the male's stomach and grazed his genitals, the statement alleged.

At trial, Joshua Treem, Neuberger's attorney, said that because his client had no prior criminal record, was a leading attorney and head of his firm, he found the punishment appropriate.

Neuberger addressed the court, calling the incident a "misunderstanding."

"This whole thing is very unfortunate," he said.

The male victim, wearing a yarmulke, also addressed the court. He said the day was bittersweet, and indirectly addressed the sexual nature of the incident.

"It forever defines you, who you are as a victim," he said. "Unfortunately, for the rest of my life, this is who I am."

But he vowed that it would not be the only thing to define him.

"I won't let what happened just put me as a statistic," he said. "I won't let it destroy me."

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