A convicted murderer had accused the Hamblin lawyer of hiring a tipper.

By Laura Ernde

A professional’s lawyer joke about hiring a tipper in a death penalty case sparked the attention of the state’s legal community.

Last week, the San Ramon-based worker of an environmental law firm was fined for his role in the tip-off that led to the conviction of a colleague.

The underlying environmental case was brought by the State of New York against Hamblin for failing to report hazardous waste.

Hamblin has been convicted of two misdemeanor offenses in the past, and is on trial for two more.

In 1982, Hamblin and his colleague area accused of the largest environmental offenses in the state’s history.

As an environment law firm, Hamblin has never been accused of the type of violations that are alleged in the current case.

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