

Papavizas Comments on Mariner Oil Spill

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Charlie Papavizas, a maritime partner based in Winston & Strawn's Washington, D.C. office, was quoted in *Fairplay's* September 3 article titled "US braces for gulf fire fallout."

As a result of Mariner Energy's platform fire on September 2, U.S. regulators could extend a drilling moratorium. "Politicians might get hysterical over this – or they might ignore it," Mr. Papavizas told *Fairplay*. Adding, "I'm sure that the industry is hoping there's not an over-reaction – and the US economy should hope that's the case too, because it's a very significant industry."

The U.S. Interior Department had considered lifting the six-month ban on new drilling before its November 30 expiration.

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