## SCENE-SETTER FOR THE SUSSMANN TRIAL, PART ONE: THE ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSE

To get a conviction of Michael Sussmann in the trial started next week, John Durham has to prove that Sussmann said what Durham claims Sussmann did to James Baker on September 19, 2016, that what Sussmann said was a lie, and that the alleged lie was material to the functioning of the FBI. That'll be harder than you might think.