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The latest rumor at the Worcester County Courthouse is that the earlier rumor that former Assistant District Attorney Louis P. Aloise would be returning to the office of District Attorney John J. Conte was unfounded.

Aloise, a partner in the law firm of Shumway, Giguere, Byrne, Fox & Aloise, was one of Conte's top guns in the 1980s — specializing in murder cases before he went into private practice in 1987.

Rumors began circulating this spring that Aloise was about to rejoin the ranks of Conte's prosecutors. There was even talk about what his salary would be and what office he would be assigned.

Now word has it that Aloise, who is apparently no longer in contention for a vacant district court judgeship, is staying put.

Reached at his firm's Cedar Street digs, Aloise shed little light on all the courthouse chatter.

"I'm not in a position to confirm or deny anything," he said. "Right now, I'm here, and that's it."

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