

# Lawyer Ignored Them for Three Years and Their \$2.8M Legal Malpractice Verdict Keeps Shrinking

## News

The court opined that a \$1.1 million judgment for Vernon and Donyell Walters was too high and that the trial court will have to try to find a more appropriate figure.

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# US Attorney Bianca Forde Sues Cops for Wrongful Arrest in NYC

## News

A federal prosecutor was wrongfully arrested when cops slapped the cuffs on her for advising her boyfriend of his legal rights during a drunk-driving stop, a new lawsuit alleges.

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# Lawyer Who Told Client ‘I’m

# Done' Faces \$300K Malpractice Ruling

## News

A lawyer will stay on the hook for a \$300,000 malpractice verdict after walking out on a client who was unhappy with the way settlement talks in a divorce were going.

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# Lawyer Deaths and Series of Tornadoes Don't Excuse Late Filing, Federal Judge Rules

## News

The unexpected deaths of two lawyers and a series of tornadoes don't excuse the late filing of an expert report on damages, a federal judge in Dallas has ruled.

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# Judges Slam J&J's 'Reprehensible' Talc Defense, Cut Massive 2018 Verdict to

# \$2.11B

## News

An appeals court has reduced that award—but only to \$2.11 billion, thanks to J&J's 'outrageous' and 'reprehensible' defense of the product.

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# Judge Denies American Women's Soccer Immediate Appeal

## News

A federal judge has denied a request by American women's soccer players to allow an immediate appeal of his decision to throw out their claim of unequal pay against the U.S. Soccer Federation.

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# Coalition of State Attorneys General Secures \$550M Settlement with Subprime Auto Lender

## News

"A coalition of 34 state attorneys general announced on May 19, 2020, that it had secured a settlement with one of the nation's largest subprime auto financing companies for alleged

violations of state consumer protection laws.

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## **New Lawsuit Accuses DLA Piper Of ‘Strident Double-Dealing’**

### **News**

A new lawsuit filed in Kansas state court by propane supply company Ferrellgas Partners, an ex-client of Biglaw firm DLA Piper, alleges the firm engaged in ‘strident double-dealing’ that was only revealed when the wrong invoice was mistakenly sent to Ferrellgas.

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## **Citing COVID, Sutter Pushes to Revisit \$575M Antitrust Settlement**

### **News**

Six months after agreeing to a \$575 million settlement in a closely watched antitrust case filed by California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, Sutter Health has yet to pay a single dollar, and no operational changes have gone into effect.

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# WiLAN Issued Final Judgment Against Apple Totaling \$108.98 Million

## News

Following a jury verdict win of \$85.23 million in a damages-only re-trial, the Court ruled on all post-trial motions and entered final judgment in favor of WiLAN, maintaining the full jury verdict and denying Apple's motions for retrial or lowering the damages award.

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# Faulty Jury Instruction Wipes Out \$740 Million Verdict

## News

The Fourth Court of Appeals of Texas overturned a jury verdict awarding HouseCanary, Inc. ("HouseCanary") \$740 million in damages for trade secret theft and fraud against Title Source, Inc., now known as Amrock.

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# Gas Disaster Settlement Fees in Question

## News

A total of \$26.1 million of the \$143 million Merrimack Valley

gas explosion class-action settlement was earmarked for payment of legal fees and administrative costs.

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## **Court Grants Judgment for TCPA Lawyer in Suit by Aggrieved Consumer**

### **News**

The Law Offices of Jeffrey Lohman has faced some significant setbacks in litigation with Navient purporting that Lohman's office set up TCPA lawsuits in violation of RICO.

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## **Court to Consider High-Stakes Tobacco Fight**

### **News**

Two decades after Florida reached a landmark legal settlement with tobacco companies, an appeals court is slated to hear arguments Tuesday in a dispute about more than \$100 million in payments.

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# Goldman Sachs Is Said to Try to Avoid Pleading Guilty in 1MDB Scandal

## News

Lawyers for the bank have asked Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen to review demands by some federal prosecutors that Goldman pay more than \$2 billion in fines and plead guilty to a felony charge.

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# Appeals Court Overturns Record \$706M San Antonio Jury Verdict

## News

A state appeals court Wednesday overturned a record \$706 million verdict rendered by a San Antonio jury more than two years ago.

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Court Enters Judgment  
Totaling More Than \$32

# Million on Jury's \$10.8 Million Verdict

## News

Shortly before COVID-19 halted jury proceedings across the United States, a Mississippi jury sided with the Government to return a \$10.8 million verdict against Stone County Hospital and several affiliates for what the jury found were false Medicare claims submitted in violation of the False Claims Act.

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# Yelp Review Leads to N.J. Lawyer's Suspension Where Client Info was not "Generally Known"

## News

Just because information relating to your representation of a client might be publicly available, your duty of confidentiality means that you can't disclose it if it is not 'generally known.'

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# Arbitrating in the Age of Zoom

## *Insights*

The new norm of social distancing, and a recent decision out of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, are changing the way arbitrations are conducted. Now is the time to update the arbitration provisions in your contracts to take advantage of these changes the next time you have to arbitrate a dispute.

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## A.G. Healey Gets \$380K Settlement with Company that Failed to Hire Minority and Woman Subcontractors

### *News*

Attorney General Maura Healey has reached a \$380,000 settlement with a Canton-based building contractor accused of falsely claiming they had hired minority- and women-owned subcontractors as required on a \$15 million dollar state project.