

# The Supreme Court Power Index: Judging the Most Powerful Judges

## News

A new study by Above the Law takes a unique approach to ranking the influence and impact of justices of the U.S. Supreme Court by rating them based on the career success of their former clerks.

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## Paul Hastings Faces Malpractice Claims Over Cleanup Advice

## News

A California appellate court has given Tokai Intl. Holdings Inc. the go-ahead to proceed with cleanup cost-related malpractice claims against law firm Paul Hastings LLP, according to a Bloomberg Law report.

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## Suit Alleges Trump

# Endorsements Misled Consumers and Defrauded Investors

## **News**

Defendants include President Trump, the Trump Organization and children Donald Trump Jr., Eric Trump and Ivanka Trump.

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# New Law School Rankings Place NYU In Top Spot

## **News**

A new study that ranks law schools by the quality of their overall faculty “team” puts New York University at the top of the list, reports Above the Law.

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# Ex-Penn State University GC Cleared of Wrongdoing

## **News**

Former Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice and Penn State University general counsel Cynthia Baldwin was cleared Friday of any wrongdoing relative to her representation of university officials during the Jerry Sandusky investigation, reports the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

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# Foley & Lardner Hit With Cybersecurity Incident

## *News*

Foley & Lardner LLP experienced a cybersecurity incident earlier this month, but said there was “no unauthorized access to client data.”

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# How Should Managers Deal with the Challenges of Building an Inclusive Workplace?

## *Insight*

James L. Heskett, a Harvard Business School professor emeritus, reports on some of the responses to a recent column about how best to foster a climate of inclusion in an organization.

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# DOJ Announces Guidelines to

# Reduce the Imposition of Monitorships in Corporate Criminal Cases

## **Insight**

The Justice Department's Criminal Division has announced updated policies and procedures related to the selection of corporate monitors in federal criminal cases, according to an advisory by Alston & Bird.

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# Argument Preview: How Should Courts Decide If Parties to an Arbitration Contract May Aggregate Their Claims?

## **Insight**

SCOTUSblog reports that in *Lamps Plus Inc. v. Varela*, the U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit correctly held that an employer consented to class arbitration.

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# Former UT Law School Associate Dean John Beckworth Joins Jackson Walker

## *News*

John Beckworth has joined Jackson Walker as of counsel in the firm's Austin office. He is a lecturer and former associate dean at The University of Texas School of Law.

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# Committee on Ways and Means Tax Counsel Moving to Miller & Chevalier

## *News*

Loren C. Ponds, former tax counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, will join Miller & Chevalier as a member in the Tax Department.

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# Lowenstein Sandler Expands D.C. Office With Launch of

# Global Trade & Policy Practice

## **News**

Lowenstein Sandler LLP has launched a Global Trade & Policy practice that advises clients on the growing array of U.S. government regulations of global investments and trade.

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## Ryan Letson Joins Bradley's Huntsville Office as Associate

## **News**

Ryan J. Letson has joined the Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP's Huntsville office as an associate in the Intellectual Property Practice Group.

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## Contract Case: Lack of Consideration – Or Not!

## **Insight**

Writing in ContractsProf Blog, Myanna Dellinger discusses a case that “nicely demonstrates how the consideration doctrine is still relevant and, as always, the importance of getting contracts in writing even though they do not *have to be*.”

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# Google Exec Clouded by Scandal is a Veteran Silicon Valley Counsel

## News

David Drummond, the chief legal officer of Google parent Alphabet Inc. and a one-time Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati partner, was cited in a *New York Times* report about the allegedly lax approach that Google has taken to relationships between supervisors and their subordinates.

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# Former Partner Sentenced to Five Years in Prison for Scheme to Bribe Alabama Lawmaker

## News

A former partner at Balch & Bingham has been sentenced to five years in prison for a scheme to bribe an Alabama state legislator to oppose expansion of a site designated for an environmental cleanup, reports the *ABA Journal*.

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# Biglaw Firm Settles Racial Discrimination Lawsuit That Alleged Attorney Called Assistant 'Our Slave'

## News

Above the Law reports that the Biglaw firm of Drinker Biddle & Reath has settled a racial discrimination case filed against them earlier this year.

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# *Texas Lawyer* Names Miranda Jones Top Woman in IP Law

## News

The statewide recognition is based on Jones' intellectual property law experience and numerous successes and professional accomplishment.

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# Rusty Hardin Names Three Women New Partners

## News

Texas trial lawyer Rusty Hardin has named Jennifer Brevorka, Lara Hollingsworth, and Megan Moore new partners at Rusty



Hardin & Associates, LLP, the civil and criminal litigation firm he founded 22 years ago.

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# Data Safeguards in Services Agreements

## *Insight*

A post on the website of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius takes a look at some of the issues involving the latest contracting trends for services agreements.