Ninth Circuit Upholds \$26.4 Million Personal Injury Jury Verdict Against Trucking Company for Negligence and Reckless Driving in Fatal Crash

### News

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit upheld a 2019 federal jury verdict of \$26.4 million — the largest trucking verdict out of the state of Oregon — in full with no further ability to appeal after the defendant dismissed its appeal.

## Jessica Sparhawk Joins Bradley's Montgomery Office as Litigation Associate

#### News

Jessica Sparhawk has joined the Montgomery, Alabama, office of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP is as an associate in the Litigation Practice Group.

### Harvest Partners Hires Top Lawyer and CCO

### News

New York-based private equity investment firm Harvest Partners has hired Jamie Toothman as general counsel and chief compliance officer. In her new role, Toothman oversees the firm's legal and compliance work and provides legal support for funds managed by Harvest.

### Minor Errors Axe Judgment Lien

### News

Based on a mistake about when a Cook County default judgment became final — plus a 60-cent discrepancy between the amount of the judgment (\$238,007.61) and the amount listed in a memorandum of judgment (\$238,007.01) that the plaintiffs filed as a lien on the defendant's real estate in Will County.

## Former FBI Agent Arrested in Lafayette in Bribery Case

### News

A retired FBI agent arrested Friday near his home in Lafayette

accepted more than more than \$200,000 in cash bribes and gifts in exchange for funneling sensitive information to Armenian organized crime.

# Lawyer Who Took Off Pants at Security Checkpoint Fights Bid to be Ousted from Representing Clients

### News

Atlanta lawyer Robert Ward acknowledges that he took off his pants at a security checkpoint at a federal courthouse in Tampa, Florida.

Hanzo Announces Major Enhancements to its Compliance Archiving Platform To Help Customers Future Proof Against The Growing

### Complexity Of Dynamic Website Data

### Insight

Hanzo announces major enhancements to its compliance archiving platform to help customers adapt to the growing complexity of dynamic website data.

# Bradley Expands Real Estate, Banking and Financial Services Practices with the Addition of David Pratt and Anna Lee Alford

### News

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that prominent business attorney David L. Pratt has joined the firm's Dallas office as a partner, expanding the firm's real estate, banking, and financial services practices. Anna Lee Alford also joins the firm as an associate.

### Trial Lawyers Michael Lyons, Chris Simmons Named Among Nation's Leading Plaintiff Consumer Attorneys

### News

In recognition of their work on behalf of personal injury and wrongful d

### Perkins Coie Names Jose Villarreal Managing Partner in Austin

### News

Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that Jose Villarreal has been named managing partner of the firm's Austin office.

## TX Super Lawyers Names Justin Morley Rising Star in Family

### Law

### News

New Braunfels' Langley. Banack & Pfeuffer announced today that Justin Morley was named a Rising Star in Family Law for 2020 by Texas Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters print and online publication.

# Bowman and Brooke LLP Partner Curtis Busby Joins International Association of Defense Counsel

#### News

Curtis J. Busby, a partner at Bowman and Brooke LLP in Phoenix, has accepted an invitation to join the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), the preeminent invitation-only global legal organization for attorneys who represent corporate and insurance interests.

## Supreme Court Determines Willfulness Not Required to

### Award Trademark Owner an Infringer's Profits

### News

The Supreme Court ruled in Romag Fasteners v. Fossil Group that a trademark holder is not required to prove that infringement was willful to obtain the infringer's profits.

## Investment Funds Partners Nathan Greene and Jay Baris Join Sidley in New York

### News

Sidley Austin LLP is pleased to welcome Nathan Greene and Jay Baris as partners in its Investment Funds group in New York.

# IADC Announces Strategic Partnership with CPR Including New Membership Benefits

#### News

The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), the

preeminent invitation-only global legal organization for attorneys who represent corporate and insurance interests, has entered into a strategic, two-year cross-promotional partnership with the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR).

### Mission Impossible: Covid-19 and Frustration of Contract

### **Insights**

Many employers are trying to figure out how to cut costs and keep their businesses afloat during the on-going Covid-19 crisis.

# Proposed BLM Interim Guidance to Provide Relief for Oil & Gas Operators

### **Insights**

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has drafted two separate Interim Guidance statements to help alleviate some of the industry's and BLM' hardships created by the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and dramatic collapse of oil prices. The final guidance should be issued by the end of the week.

### The Impact of COVID-19 on Financial Contracts

### **Insights**

"The current market volatility arising from the restrictions imposed to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 has led many market participants to consider their position under existing contractual relationships, including, assessing their own obligations and whether any potential or actual event of default has occurred in respect of their counterparty.

## Contract Corner: An Overview of Benchmarking for Customers and Suppliers

### **Insights**

Often included in long-term outsourcing/managed services agreements but sometimes overlooked as a contractual right, in this post we look at benchmarking provisions, including what benchmarking is, common rights and restrictions, and other considerations for customers and suppliers.

## Ann Arbor Council Votes 10-1 to Increase Legal Contract in Gelman Case to \$592,500

### News

Ann Arbor officials this week again delayed voting on a resolution to seek a federal Superfund cleanup of the Gelman dioxane plume