## Ex-UAW Boss Williams Charged in Embezzlement Scandal as Federal Probe Continues

#### News

Retired United Auto Workers President Dennis Williams was charged Thursday with conspiracy to embezzle union funds following a years-long investigation into racketeering, bribery and other crimes that has pushed one of the nation's most powerful unions to the brink of a federal takeover.

## Allstate Announces Rhonda Ferguson to Join as General Counsel

#### News

Rhonda Ferguson will join the The Allstate Corporation as Executive Vice President and General Counsel, effective Sept. 28.

### Lien Inception

#### Insights

When owners file bankruptcy or projects otherwise go south, lien priority often comes to the forefront. The idea is

relatively simple. Priority is how courts determine which creditors get paid first.

## Former Crestline Police Chief Joe Butler Awarded \$380,000 Settlement

#### News

Former Crestline police chief Joe Butler has been awarded a \$380,000 settlement in a lawsuit he filed against the village.

## When the Smooth CEO Exit Gets Bumpy

#### **Insights**

Recent press reports have highlighted the difficulties faced by companies that discover evidence of misconduct only after an executive has exited and received severance.

## Lawyer Can't Sue Over Poor Avvo Rating and Allegedly Incorrect Bar Status, Federal Judge Rules

#### News

A federal judge in Seattle has tossed a lawyer's \$1.5 million defamation lawsuit against Avvo for allegedly posting false information that made him look 'terrible.'

## Elizabeth Applegate Dieck Bolsters Parker Poe's Environmental and Energy Services

#### News

Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP is pleased to announce that Elizabeth Applegate Dieck has joined the firm's Charleston office.

### Major Automakers Finalize "Framework Agreements on Clean Cars" with California

#### **Insights**

ive major automobile manufacturers — BMW of North America, Ford, Honda, Volkswagen Group of America, and Volvo — and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) recently entered into voluntary framework agreements to reduce vehicle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions annually through model year 2026.

# Court Examines Intended Third Party Beneficiaries of Indemnification Provision

#### **Insights**

In CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc. et al v. Steward Health Care System LLC, the Delaware Court of Chancery examined who was an intended third-party beneficiary of an indemnification provision in an Asset Purchase Agreement.

### 7 Most Common Legal Problems

## Businesses Face in Their Operations

#### **Insights**

Business owners in the U.S. are often faced with various legal problems that can be crippling to their business. One of the best ways for them to circumvent these legal problems is to identify potential problem areas early and prepare for them by having a trusted business lawyer.

## Split Pa. Supreme Court Leaves Nationwide Free of \$21M Bad-Faith Judgement

#### News

A deadlocked Pennsylvania Supreme Court on Tuesday voted to let stand a state Superior Court ruling overturning a \$21 million bad faith ruling against Nationwide.

## Overbilling Suit Alleges K&L Gates Used These Techniques

#### to Increase Fees

#### News

An overbilling lawsuit filed against K&L Gates on Monday alleges the law firm used multiple techniques to increase its fees fraudulently while representing a company in a suit over a failed lease agreement.

## AG Jennings Announces Honda Airbag Settlement

#### News

Attorney General Kathy Jennings today announced an \$85 million multistate settlement with American Honda Motor Co., Inc. and Honda of America Mfg., Inc., over allegations Honda concealed safety issues related to defects in the frontal airbag systems installed in certain Honda and Acura vehicles sold in the United States.

## Google Promotes Halimah DeLaine Prado To General Counsel

#### News

Google announced that Halimah DeLaine Prado, a 14-year veteran

of the company, has been promoted to serve as its General Counsel.

# Eversheds Sutherland Tax Practice Expands SALT Team with Two Partners

#### News

Eversheds Sutherland is pleased to announce the addition of Breen M. Schiller and Nikki E. Dobay to the firm's Tax Practice Group as State and Local Tax (SALT) partners. Ms. Schiller will join the firm's Chicago office and Ms. Dobay will join the firm's Sacramento office in the next few weeks.

## Greensfelder Attorney John Hanson Elected Madison County Bar Association Treasurer

#### News

Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., attorney John C. Hanson has been elected treasurer of the Madison County (Illinois) Bar Association. He is based in the firm's firm's Southern Illinois office.

## Rogge Dunn Group Attorneys Nationally Recogniz ed in 2021 Best Lawyers in America

#### News

The nationally prestigious legal guide Best Lawyers in America has recognized four attorneys from the Rogge Dunn Group in its 2021 edition.

Porzio Expands Reach with Opening of Wilmington, Delaware, Office Led by Cheryl A. Santaniello as Managing Principal

#### News

Cheryl A. Santaniello has joined Porzio, Bromberg & Newman P.C. to launch and lead Porzio's first Delaware office — in Wilmington — offering expanded services in Delaware and seamless access to its bankruptcy courts.

## Phelps Dunbar Partner Todd Butler Joins International Association of Defense Counsel

#### News

G. Todd Butler, a partner at Phelps Dunbar LLP in Jackson, Mississippi, has joined the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), a preeminent invitation-only global legal organization for attorneys representing corporate and insurance interests.

# Can a Car Accident Victim Sue a Vehicle Manufacturer if an Airbag Fails to Deploy?

#### News

While the number of cars on the road has steadily increased over the past several decades, the rate of fatal accidents has gone down significantly.