

# **Eversheds Sutherland Elects 11 New US Counsel**

AnnouncementEversheds Sutherland is pleased to announce the election of 11 new US counsel effective January 1, 2021.

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## **Should you file a provisional patent application?**

InsightShould you file a provisional patent application?

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## **Acrobats Hurt in Circus Accident Reach \$52.5M Settlement**

NewsEight acrobats severely injured when the rigging suspending them by their hair plummeted to the floor during a circus performance in Rhode Island in 2014 have reached a \$52.5 million settlement with the ownership and management of the arena where the circus was held.

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# **IRS Fishing Expedition Is Successful and Raises Important Attorney-Client Privilege Concerns**

NewsThe attorney-client privilege is one of the bedrocks of the legal profession.

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## **New Information Reporting on Beneficial Owners Included in 2021 NDAA**

InsightsEarlier this month, both houses of Congress passed the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act ('2021 NDAA').

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## **Former Top Attorney at Harley-Davidson Named Marquette University's**

# General Counsel

NewsMarquette University named the former top attorney at Harley-Davidson Inc. as its new vice president and general counsel.

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## Biglaw Firm Touts Successful Year, But Doesn't Thank Associates with Special Bonuses

NewsAt Alston & Bird, the year-end bonuses are individualized and tied to hours, not class year, as at most Biglaw firms.

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## Washington, D.C., Poised to Ban Most Non-Compete Agreements

InsightsNon-compete agreements may all but disappear from the Washington, D.C. employment landscape in 2021.

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# When “Liquidated Damages” Are Not

InsightsAs a general rule, courts do not save sophisticated parties from bad deals; instead, courts enforce both good deals and bad deals between sophisticated parties according to the express terms set forth in a written contract.

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## Solar and Wind Tax Credits Extended, Again

InsightsThe United States Congress passed a second large stimulus bill aimed at curtailing the economic disruptions caused by COVID-19.

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## Barnes & Thornburg Launches Racial and Social Justice Foundation

AnnouncementFirm pledges initial donation of more than \$200,000 to nonprofit organizations combatting racial and social injustice

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# **Bitmovin Releases Open Source Nondisclosure Agreement to Speed Commercial Transactions**

AnnouncementBitmovin announced an open-source NDA that standardizes the most commonly used clauses to speed up transactions, created by researchers from the UC Hastings and Bitmovin's General Counsel.

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# **Barnes & Thornburg Elects 10 New Partners for 2021**

AnnouncementBarnes & Thornburg has elected 10 attorneys as partners, effective Jan. 1, 2021. The new partners, their office location and practice areas are:

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# **Michael K. Hurst Named to The International Society of**

# Barristers

AnnouncementMichael K. Hurst, name partner at the highly respected Dallas trial boutique Lynn Pinker Hurst & Schwegmann, has been named as a member of The International Society of Barristers.

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## UNG Names General Counsel

NewsUniversity of North Georgia President Bonita Jacobs has announced Reggie Lampkin as the new university general counsel, effective Jan. 1.

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## Millions in Pandemic Aid Didn't Stop These Firms from Cutting Jobs or Pay

NewsLaw firms rushed to secure government aid early in the coronavirus pandemic, borrowing nearly \$12 billion from the U.S. Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program as their revenues were threatened by court closures and a freeze in corporate deals.

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# **Robinhood Agrees to Pay \$65M Settlement Following SEC Claims About Trading**

NewsRobinhood Markets has agreed to pay \$65 million to settle Securities and Exchange Commission allegations that the broker failed to properly inform clients that it sold their stock orders to high-frequency traders and other financial firms.

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# **Prominent Baltimore Lawyer Snared in Federal Racketeering Case Against Defense Attorney**

NewsA federal grand jury has charged prominent attorney Joshua Treem and a private investigator in the racketeering case against defense attorney Kenneth Ravenell, alleging that they helped conceal Ravenell's conduct by obtaining false statements to protect him.

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**Contractual**

**Dispute**

# Resolution Provisions

Insights Including a contractual dispute resolution provision in an agreement may reduce costs, expedite resolution, and potentially lead to a more favorable outcome. But a poorly crafted provision can do just the opposite.

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## An Extreme Case of Petitioner's Remorse

Insights Many business divorce practitioners are familiar with a phenomenon one might call 'petitioner's remorse' – an often abrupt abandonment of one's desire to dissolve a closely-held business entity when the opposing party unexpectedly declines to oppose or consents to dissolution.