

# **Your Top Questions About COVID-19 Liability Shield Laws: Answered**

InsightLiability shield laws take different forms, but typically, they raise the threshold for anyone who wants to bring a lawsuit in connection with the COVID-19 outbreak, or eliminate the ability to bring a suit entirely.

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## **What is the Jones Act? And why might waiving it help ease East Coast gas 'supply crunch'?**

InsightThe Jones Act dates back to 1920 and governs the rules around shipping and trade in the U.S. and its island territories, with an aim of protecting American business from foreign competition.

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**Veteran Trial Lawyer Mary**

# **Goodrich Nix Joins Dallas Trial Boutique**

AnnouncementLynn Pinker Hurst & Schwegmann, one of the most recognized and respected trial boutiques in Texas, has announced that experienced trial attorney Mary Goodrich Nix has joined the firm as a partner.

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# **The New Federal Law on Corporate Transparency**

NewsApproved by Congress in January 2021, the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) is a new federal law requiring many business entities to identify to the Treasury Department the individuals who own a 25 percent or greater interest in the entity or who otherwise exercise substantial control over the entity.

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# **Top 50 Biglaw Firm Introduces New Lockstep Salary Scale Across All U.S. Offices**

NewsAssociate compensation is once again a hot topic in the highest echelons of the legal profession, and young lawyers at some firms are finally reaping the benefits of the 2018 salary

hike that brought starting salaries to \$190,000.

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## **Altus Power Announces Appointment of Sophia Lee as Chief Legal Officer**

NewsAltus Power America, Inc. has appointed Sophia Lee as Chief Legal Officer.

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## **Michael Best Strategies Adds Andrea Riccio to Government Relations Group in Washington, D.C.**

AnnouncementAndrea Riccio, former Deputy Director to the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee, has joined Michael Best Strategies as a Principal in Washington DC.

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# **Partner Jeffrey Greene Returns to Foley in New York**

Announcement Jeffrey Greene returns to Foley & Lardner as a partner in the firm's New York office.

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# **Michael Best Adds Courtney Tedrowe to Labor & Employment practice in Chicago**

Announcement Courtney Tedrowe has joined Michael Best LLP as a Partner in Chicago. Courtney joins the firm's growing Labor & Employment Relations practice group.

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# **Lauren Jacques Named Managing Partner of Bradley's Nashville Office**

Lauren B. Jacques has been named managing partner of the Nashville office of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. She succeeds Lela M. Hollabaugh, who continues as a litigation partner.

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# **Lori Brown Rejoins Littler; ComplianceHR Names Kimball Norup CEO**

AnnouncementLittler, the world's largest employment and labor law practice representing management, today announced that Lori Brown has rejoined the firm as Office Managing Shareholder in Miami and as a member of the firm's Management Committee.

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# **Leading Renewable Energy Tax Partner, Hagai Zaifman, Joins Sidley in New York**

AnnouncementSidley Austin LLP is pleased to announce that Hagai Zaifman has joined the firm in New York as a partner in its Tax, Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation practice supporting Sidley's work in the renewable energy sector and other infrastructure projects.

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# **Faegre, Hogan Lovells Steer General Mills' \$1.2B Deal with Tyson**

Newsn its latest assignment for longtime client General Mills Inc, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath is advising the company on its \$1.2 billion all-cash purchase of Tyson Foods Inc's pet food business.

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# **BASF SE Appoints Matthew Lepore as Global General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer**

NewsBASF SE, a chemical giant with a large litigation docket, has appointed an American, Matthew Lepore, to be its global general counsel and chief compliance officer.

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# **Big Law Builds Up State AG Expertise Amid Enforcement**

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NewsTop law firms are building out practice groups focused on state attorneys general, whose aggressive moves on everything from workers' rights to Big Tech have clients looking for lawyers with a deep understanding of the process.

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## 'Staggering' Legal Fees in Boy Scouts Bankruptcy Case

NewsAs the Boy Scouts of America goes through a contentious bankruptcy, dozens of lawyers are working on the case. Many are charging more than \$1,000 an hour.

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## Federal Judge Approves \$577M Settlement for Maryland's Historically Black Universities

NewsA federal judge approved a deal Wednesday for Maryland to settle a long-running lawsuit over the state's treatment of its four historically Black universities with \$555 million in extra funding over 10 years, clearing the last major hurdle to end a legal battle launched in 2006.

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# **Connecticut Law Tribune Honors Saxe Doernberger & Vita, P.C. with Multiple 2021 Connecticut Legal Awards**

AnnouncementSDV will be recognized in multiple categories at Connecticut Law Tribune's upcoming Connecticut Legal Awards (CTLA) event on May 12.

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# **Tarter Krinsky & Drogin Expands its Italy Practice and Opens its First West Coast Office in Los Angeles with the Addition of Marco Giovine**

AnnouncementTarter Krinsky & Drogin has launched the firm's first West Coast office, in Los Angeles, with the addition of counsel Marco Giovine to its Italy Practice.

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# **Trial Attorney Chris Simmons Honored as Trailblazer Among Plaintiffs' Lawyers**

AnnouncementDallas-based trial lawyer Chris Simmons, co-founder of Lyons & Simmons, LLP, is among a select group recognized as "Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers."