Apple to Pay $308.5M for Infringing Patent with Fairplay Technology

NewsApple has been ordered to pay $308.5 million to Personalized Media Communications (PMC) after a federal jury in Texas came to the conclusion that the latter’s patents were infringed.

Freshfields Hires Kirkland Partner to Grow Silicon Valley Team

NewsFreshfields Bruckhaus Deringer has hired former Kirkland & Ellis partner Joseph Halloum to build out the firm’s upstart Silicon Valley office.

Novartis Poaches AbbVie Veteran to be New Chief Legal Officer After Losing its Own

to Moderna

NewsAfter losing its chief legal officer to booming biotech Moderna, Novartis has quickly found a replacement in an AbbVie veteran with both legal and compliance experience.

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Bissinger, Oshman & Williams Attorney Erin Bullard Named in Texas Rising Stars Guide

AnnouncementErin Bullard, a trial lawyer with Houston-based Bissinger, Oshman & Williams LLP, has been selected among the top young lawyers in Texas for 2021.

Dallas Lawyer Chris Simmons Named Among Top 100 Young Attorneys in Texas

AnnouncementChris Simmons, co-founder of Dallas-based trial firm Lyons & Simmons, has earned recognition once again as one of the Top 100 Up-and-Coming attorneys in the state as selected by the prestigious Texas Rising Stars legal guide.

Two Ward, Smith & Hill Partners Earn 2021 Texas Rising Stars Honors

AnnouncementAndrea L. Fair also recognized among Up & Coming Top 100 Attorneys, Up & Coming Top 50 Women Attorneys.

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Bradley Partner Sky Woodward Appointed to Maryland State Board of Elections

AnnouncementBradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP partner T. Sky Woodward has been appointed by Maryland Gov. Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. to the Maryland State Board of Elections.

Hanzo Hold Extends Best-in-Class Ediscovery for Slack Plus

AnnouncementNow enterprises with Slack Plus can easily leverage native export capabilities and have the same best-practice Slack discovery process in-house.

Chamberlain Hrdlicka Attorneys Named 2021 Texas Rising Stars

AnnouncementFive Texas-based attorneys with Chamberlain Hrdlicka have been named to the 2021 Texas Rising Stars by Super Lawyers Magazine, including Jarrod B. Martin, Kathryn “Kelly” Shields and Justin E. VandenBout in Houston as well as F. Matthew “Matt” Flores and Jaime Vasquez in San Antonio.

Lewis Roca Launches Rebrand with Shortened Name, New Website and Redefined Brand Identity

AnnouncementLewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP has launched a complete rebrand that includes a new visual identity, website and shortened brand name, Lewis Roca.

Six Bradley Attorneys Named

2021 Texas Rising Stars

AnnouncementSix Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP attorneys across the firm’s Dallas and Houston offices have been named by Super Lawyers as Texas Rising Stars for 2021 for their work in a wide range of practice areas.

Ball Janik LLP Welcomes Real Estate Attorney Doug Stanford to the Firm’s Orlando Office

AnnouncementBall Janik LLP, a construction defect and property damage law firm with offices in Florida and Oregon, is pleased to announce that Doug Stanford, Jr. has joined the firm’s Orlando office. Stanford is a real estate attorney in the Construction Defect practice, strengthening Ball Janik’s continual commitment to its clients.

“We are thrilled to welcome Doug to our firm,” said Heather J. Oden, the firm’s Chief Operating Officer. “He is a talented real estate attorney who will be instrumental to the continued growth of our firm in the Central Florida market.”

Top 50 Biglaw Firm Rolls Out

Incredible Bonus-Eligible Time-Off Policy

NewsOrrick – a firm that brought in $1,158,537,000 in 2019 gross revenue, placing in at No. 31 in the most recent Am Law 100 rankings – is offering everyone the chance to truly 'unplug.' The firm will credit 40 hours of bonus-eligible time for everyone to sit back, relax, and stop doing work.

Maryland Lawmakers Approve a $577M Settlement to the State's Four Historically Black Colleges

NewsMaryland lawmakers approved a $577 million funding bill that would grant money to the state's four Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) following a nearly 15-year lawsuit declaring unfair funding and discrimination to these institutions.

Status of Noncompete

Agreements in 2021: Consider Alternatives to Protect Your Business Interests

InsightsPost-employment restrictions, including noncompete agreements, have become an increasingly popular tool for protecting business investments; confidential information; client, customer and employee relationships; and goodwill.

Seven Bradley Attorneys Elected as American Bar Foundation Fellows

AnnouncementBradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP partners T. Michael Brown, William C. Byrd, Frank M. Caprio, E. Mabry Rogers, David Roth, Charles Stewart and T. Sky Woodward have have been elected as Fellows of the American Bar Foundation (ABF).

Tesla’s Former Top Lawyer Joins Medical Apparel Startup

FIGS

NewsFIGS Inc., a fast-growing medical apparel retailer, has hired Tesla Inc.‘s former general counsel, Todd Maron, as its first legal chief.

The Natural Gas Industry in a Climate-Focused Future: Regulators Take Action to Adapt

InsightsClimate change policies at the state and federal levels will have significant impacts on natural gas companies and their customers. On the one hand, there is pressure on companies to maintain safe and reliable service – on the other, the push for net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.