3M Litigation Senior Counsel William Childs Joins International Association of Defense Counsel

AnnouncementWilliam Childs, Senior Counsel, Litigation, at 3M Company in St. Paul, Minnesota, 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.

Hogan Lovells Boosts London Office With Senior Corporate and Litigation Hires

AnnouncementHogan Lovells announced five strategic new hires, boosting its corporate and litigation capabilities in London. Patrick Sarch joins as a partner and will co-head the M&A practice in London. Kevin Lloyd, Richard Lawton, Akima Paul Lambert and Ardil Salem will join as partners in the firm’s Band 1 Global and London disputes practice.

Barnes & Thornburg Welcomes Prominent Medical Device Litigator

AnnouncementBarnes & Thornburg has added Robyn Maguire as a partner in its Washington, D.C., office, where she is a member of the firm’s Litigation Department. Maguire brings more than 15 years of experience defending major medical device and pharmaceutical companies in product liability suits.

D Magazine Honors Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson’s John Kappel Among its Best Lawyers Under 40

AnnouncementOrsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson (ONDA) associate John Kappel has been honored among D Magazine’s Best Lawyers Under 40, a prestigious listing of the top young attorneys in North Texas.

Transactional Insurance

Partner, Michael Homison, to Join Sidley in New York

AnnouncementSidley Austin LLP is pleased to announce that Michael Homison will join the firm as a partner in its New York office.

IADC First-Quarter 2021 DCJ Examines Oral Civil Discovery, DNA Technology in Litigation, and Enforceability of Arbitration Clauses

AnnouncementThe International Association of Defense Counsel's (IADC's) first-quarter 2021 issue of its prestigious Defense Counsel Journal (DCJ) includes articles about oral civil discovery, DNA technology in litigation, and enforceability of arbitration clauses.

Kirkland & Ellis Set to Hit $5B Annual Revenue

NewsInsiders at the Chicago-based firm said that its turnover was approaching $5 billion for the twelve months to the end of January, up from $4.45 billion in the previous year.

FHFA Announces New General Counsel

NewsThe Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) today announced that Clinton Jones started as the Agency's new General Counsel. Jones succeeds Alfred Pollard, who is retiring from the Agency at the end of March after a distinguished financial services career.

ABA Formal Opinion OKs Lawyers Who Sit in One Jurisdiction But Are Licensed in Another

NewsThe American Bar Association's (ABA) Formal Ethics Opinion 495 confirms what many have said is the law under ABA Model Rule 5.5 for a while now: Lawyers can sit in a jurisdiction in

which they are not licensed so long as they are licensed in a U.S. jurisdiction and are ‘invisible’ as a lawyer where they sit.

Anthem Agrees to Pay $594M to Settle Antitrust Litigation

NewsThe settlement, struck last fall and awaiting final approval in an Alabama federal court, resolves lawsuits filed in 2012 by insurance customers alleging the Chicago-based Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and the nation’s 36 Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurers violated antitrust laws through practices that limited competition and caused higher prices.

Ladd Hirsch Joins Bradley’s Litigation Practice Group in Dallas

AnnouncementBradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that Ladd Hirsch has joined the firm’s Dallas office as a partner in the Litigation Practice Group.

Colombian airline, Avianca, adopt Luminance’s AI to enhance in-house legal function

AnnouncmentLuminance, the leading artificial intelligence platform for the legal profession, has today announced that its pioneering machine learning platform will be adopted by Avianca S.A, the flagship Colombian airline and one of the biggest in Latin America, to optimise the company’s in-house document review processes.

Ball Janik LLP Welcomes New Attorneys Kasey Joyce, Morgan Lester, and Allana Smith to the Firm’s Orlando Office

AnnouncementBall Janik LLP is pleased to announce the addition of Kasey Lynne Joyce, Morgan N. Lester, and Allana D.E. Smith as associates to the firm. The three attorneys will work in the firm’s Construction Defect and Litigation groups, as part of Ball Janik’s continued growth and commitment to its clients.

Joanna Brougher Authors Second Book “Billion Dollar Patents: Strategies for Finding Opportunities, Generating Value, and Protecting Your Inventions”

AnnouncementBioPharma Law Group, PLLC is pleased to announce that its Principal, Joanna T. Brougher, MPH, Esq., has published her newest book, Billion Dollar Patents: Strategies for Finding Opportunities, Generating Value, and Protecting Your Inventions.

Hanzo Hold Revolutionizes Discovery for Google Workspace (G Suite) with New Release

AnnouncementHanzo gives enterprises incomparable ease-of-use, visibility, and granular control over the collection, preservation, culling, tagging, and exporting of Google Workspace data in a review-ready format for discovery.

Highlights of the Section 45Q Final Regulations

InsightsOn January 6, 2021, the IRS issued T.D. 9944 (the "Final Regulations"), which finalizes the proposed regulations under section 45Q (the "Proposed Regulations") that were issued in REG-112339-19 on May 28, 2020 and discussed in an earlier post. This article summarizes the key ways in which the Final Regulations differ from their predecessor.

Jones Day Hires Homeland Security Lawyer… Doesn't Mention Kidnapped Immigrant Children

NewsChad Mizelle was recently the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Homeland Security.

Tech Industry Litigation – A

COVID-19 Year in Review

NewsAs the COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc on businesses across the country, several companies have thrived during the pandemic in areas such as the gig economy, work from home and e-commerce, entertainment, and social media.

Robinhood and Reddit Protected from Lawsuits by User Agreement

InsightsRobinhood Markets Inc’s user agreement is likely to protect the brokerage app from a barrage of lawsuits filed by customers after it blocked a frenzied trading rally in companies such as GameStop Corp that was fueled on social media forums.

Sale of Portfolio Companies Between Affiliated Funds: The (Legal) Road Less Traveled

InsightsFrom time to time, private equity sponsors will exit a portfolio company investment by selling the portfolio company to buyers led by another fund managed by the same sponsor.