# PetSmart General Counsel Joins Retail Litigation Center Board

NewsLacey Bundy, SVP, general counsel and corporate secretary of Phoenix-based PetSmart, has been elected to the Retail Litigation Center (RLC) board of directors.

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# Baker McKenzie, DLA Piper and Dentons Top the 2021 Acritas Global Elite Law Firm Brand Index

NewsBaker McKenzie retained the top spot for the 11th consecutive year, and DLA Piper remains second on the list.

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# Lawyer Battles Sleep Deprivation, Sewage Backup and Media Needling in His

# Suit Over Election Legality

NewsFired in-house lawyer Paul MacNeal Davis isn’t happy with media reporting on his lawsuit that contends that voting changes resulted in an illegal election.

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# Anthony V. Lupo Elected Chair of Arent Fox

AnnouncementArent Fox LLP is proud to announce that Partner Anthony V. Lupo has been selected as the fourth Chair in the firm’s 79-year history.

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# Buchalter Announces J. Craig Cartwright as New Office Managing Shareholder in Arizona

AnnouncementBuchalter is pleased to announce that J. Craig Cartwright has officially begun his position as the new office Managing Shareholder in Arizona.

# Brightflag Strengthens Leadership Team with New VP of Marketing

AnnouncementBrightflag, the AI-powered legal spend management and matter management platform, today announced the appointment of Jill Altruda as the company’s new Vice President of Marketing.

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# John Hairr Elected Board Chair of North Carolina Wildlife Federation

AnnouncementParker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP is pleased to announce that Charlotte partner John Hairr has been elected chair of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation’s board of directors.

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# Group of Distinguished

# Healthcare Transactional Lawyers Ankur Gupta, Sam Wales, Ben Kirschner, and Krista Kay Lewis Join Sidley

AnnouncementSidley Austin LLP announced today that Ankur Gupta, Ben Kirschner and Sam Wales will join as partners in its global M&A and Private Equity practice, along with associate Krista Kay Lewis.

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# Burris Law Welcomes Lou Houston, David Spears, and Julie Zamler as Patent Attorneys

AnnouncementLou Houston, David Spears, and Julie Zamler have joined Burris Law, PLLC in Detroit as patent attorneys.

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# Top 25 Am Law Firm Announces

# Bonuses

NewsGoodwin Procter just announced bonuses last week. The bonuses will match “the prevailing Baker McKenzie/Cravath scale.

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# Nashville Lawyer Suspended After Posting Advice on How to Make Murder Look Like Self-Defense

NewsThe Tennessee Supreme Court suspended the license of a Nashville attorney after discovering he posted advice on Facebook about how to make deadly force look like self-defense.

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# Courts Less Than Receptive To Force Majeure, Impossibility, and Other Defenses

InsightsThe increase in loan and lease defaults in the wake of COVID-19 has brought to the forefront numerous legal defenses by borrowers and tenants, such as force majeure, impossibility, and frustration of purpose.

# Fourth Circuit Refuses to Reduce Record-Breaking $32.7M Asbestos Verdict

NewsThe $32.7 million verdict in Finch is reportedly the largest single-plaintiff verdict and the largest mesothelioma-related verdict in North Carolina history.

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# Turner Padget Shareholder Reggie Belcher Named to South Carolina Lawyers Weekly Inaugural Class of “Go To Lawyers”

AnnouncementTurner Padget is pleased to announce that Columbia-based Shareholder Reginald “Reggie” Belcher has been named among South Carolina Lawyers Weekly’s inaugural class of “Go To Lawyers” in the State of South Carolina.

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# Bradley Attorney Elliot Bertasi Earns Certified Information Privacy Professional Credential

AnnouncementBradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP attorney Elliot A. Bertasi has earned the Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) credential in the United States through the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

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# Hornets Name Tamara Daniels SVP and General Counsel

NewsHornets Sports & Entertainment (HSE) announced today that the organization has named Tamara Daniels Senior Vice President & General Counsel.

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# Reporting Obligations of Small Private Companies Under the Corporate Transparency

# Act

InsightsThe United States Senate and the House of Representatives voted to override the President’s veto of the National Defense Authorization Act (‘NDAA’) on January 1, 2021 and December 28, 2020, respectively, resulting in the NDAA becoming effective law as of January 1, 2021.

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# Dealing with Contracts in the Time of Corornavirus

InsightsRead answers to a number of questions from clients related to the Coronavirus/Covid-19 and how our clients may address issues of performance, delivery, and payment when the Coronavirus impacts a company’s ability to complete its responsibilities under a contract.

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# 2021 Clean Energy Outlook

InsightsThe end-of-the year omnibus (H.R. 133) is a massive $2.3 trillion spending bill containing appropriations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, COVID-19 relief funds, the first energy authorization in over a decade and extensions of a number of tax incentives also important to the energy sector.

# Jackson Walker Expands Commercial Leasing Experience With Addition of Fort Worth Partner Travis McNellie

AnnouncementJackson Walker is pleased to announce the addition of Travis W. McNellie as a partner in the Fort Worth office.