Parker Poe’s Lawrence Hershon Named a ‘Go To Lawyer’ in South Carolina for Business Law

AnnouncementParker Poe is pleased to announce that Lawrence Hershon was named to South Carolina Lawyers Weekly’s inaugural class of “Go To Lawyers.”

Duane Morris Names Eight Attorneys to Partnership

AnnouncementDuane Morris LLP is pleased to announce that it has promoted to the firm partnership eight associates and special counsel in six of the firm’s offices.

Hunton Andrews Kurth Bolsters International Corporate Team with Addition of Maythawee

Sarathai in Bangkok

AnnouncementHunton Andrews Kurth LLP has expanded its international corporate practice with the addition of Maythawee Sarathai as a partner in the firm’s Bangkok office.

Blank Rome Welcomes New Director of Diversity and Inclusion

AnnouncementKrystal Studavent Ramsey has joined Blank Rome LLP as Director of Diversity and Inclusion. Based in the Firm’s Houston office, Ramsey brings 11 years of DEI experience in the legal industry.

Michael Best Adds Three New Hires & New Office Managing Partner in Raleigh

AnnouncementIt was announced today that law firm Michael Best will be adding two Partners, Ed Roney and Joseph Dickinson, and one Senior Counsel, Holly Benton, to the Raleigh office. All three join from North Carolina-based law firm Smith Anderson.

Roney will join the Intellectual Property Practice with Dickinson and Benton joining the Privacy & Cybersecurity Practice Group. In addition to joining the firm, Roney will also serve as the Office Managing Partner of the Raleigh office.

Energy & Sustainability: What to Expect

InsightsAfter what felt like one of the longest election seasons in history, Washington is preparing to welcome the incoming administration of President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris.

Former Wells Fargo General Counsel Fined $3.5M in OCC Settlement

Newshe Office of the Comptroller of the Currency fined the former general counsel of Wells Fargo $3.5 million in a settlement.

Top-Ranked Biglaw Firm Cuts 132 Jobs As Pandemic Rages On

Newshe majority of Biglaw firms have rolled back their COVID-19 austerity measures the world over, but the coronavirus-related changes are far from over.

Apple Fails to Overturn VirnetX Patent Verdict, Could Owe Over $1.1B

NewsA federal judge denied Apple Inc’s bid to set aside or reduce a $502.8 million patent infringement verdict favoring VirnetX Holding Corp, and awarded interest and royalties that could boost Apple’s total payout in two lawsuits above $1.1 billion.

The Future of Legal Operations: Agile, Value-Centric, and Tech-Enabled

NewsTo respond to the ever-shifting environment and clients’ ever-changing needs, law departments must be agile and responsive, continually flexing to meet emerging areas of

need.

As Easy as 1-2-3, Court Rules ABC Test Applies Retroactively

InsightsIn a unanimous decision, the California Supreme Court held that the worker friendly ‘ABC’ test set forth by the Court in its 2018 landmark ruling, Dynamex Operations West, Inc. v. Superior Court, applies retroactively.

COVID Relief Bill Contains Important Bankruptcy Code Amendments

InsightsThe COVID relief bill will have a significant direct impact, at least temporarily, on the rights of commercial landlords and tenants in chapter 11 cases.

The Trademark Modernization Act Establishes New Trademark Cancellation Procedures

InsightsIn late December 2020, the Trademark Modernization Act of 2020 became law. The act includes important amendments to the Lanham Act.

FedEx Lead Counsel Thomas Murrey, Jr. Joins International Association of Defense Counsel

AnnouncementThomas W. Murrey, Jr., lead counsel with the FedEx Corp. Legal Department/Litigation, 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.

Smith Currie Announces New

Managing Partner

AnnouncementSmith Currie, one of the nation’s most recognized construction and government contracts law firms, today announced the appointment of Eric L. Nelson to Managing Partner.

Former General Counsel and ContractPodAi Client, Jerry Levine, Joins as Chief Evangelist

AnnouncementContractPodAi, provider of AI-powered contract lifecycle management solutions, recently announced the appointment of Jerry Levine as Chief Evangelist and General Counsel (Americas).

AXA XL appoints Pamela Rosado as General Counsel

NewsAXA XL has appointed Pamela Rosado as General Counsel, effective 8, February 2021. Ms. Rosado will report to Scott Gunter, CEO, AXA XL, and will be based in New York, USA.

ABA Issues New Guidance for how Lawyers Should Respond to Online Criticism, Negative Reviews

NewsThe American Bar Association Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility released today a formal opinion addressing the ethical obligations for lawyers to consider when they contemplate responding to online criticism and posted negative reviews.

Law Firms May be at ‘Tipping Point’ for Change Because of COVID-19 Pandemic

NewsLaw firms learned lessons during the COVID-19 pandemic that could translate to permanent changes in the way that they manage their operations, deliver legal services and treat their employees, according to a report released Tuesday.

Banner Health to Pay OCR $200K for HIPAA Right of Access Failures

NewsThe Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights reached a $200,000 civil monetary penalty and a corrective action plan with Banner Health, to resolve potential violations of the HIPAA Privacy Rule Right of Access standard.