

# Texas Courts Hit by Ransomware Attack

## *News*

Texas courts shut down websites and disabled servers late last week in response to a ransomware attack, the Office of Court Administration announced.

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# Law Firm Fires Employee After 'Threatening' Post About his Gun, COVID-19 Mask Requirements

## *News*

A Dallas law firm fired an employee after he wrote in a Facebook post that lambasted businesses that require customers to wear masks during the COVID-19 pandemic and made references to firearms and ammunition.

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# Jeff Dunham Tries to Bring Curtain Down on T-Shirt

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## *News*

The value of Dunham's puppet partners is at the center of a deeply exasperated complaint he filed in the Central District of California in April. Dunham goes after the defendants, Raymond Lei and his novelty fashion company ooshirts.

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## **Duane Morris Attorney Maxine D. Bayley Elected Chair of AILA Northern California Chapter Board of Directors**

## *News*

Duane Morris attorney Maxine D. Bayley has been elected as chair of the 2020-2021 American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Northern California Chapter board of directors.

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## **Eversheds Sutherland grows San Diego office with Counsel**

# Brandi Taylor

## *News*

Eversheds Sutherland is pleased to announce that Brandi A. Taylor has joined as counsel in our San Diego office. As an experienced attorney in two growing areas of regulatory practice, Ms. Taylor's addition to the firm expands both the data privacy and education service offerings of the Litigation Practice Group.

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## **The Mexican Government Against Wind Energy and Solar Power**

### *Insights*

The government's obsession with fossil fuels is clear, due to inscrutable causes unrelated to reason. However, it has reached implausible extremes.

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## **If it's a Trade Secret, Define "Reasonable Effort"**

### *Insights*

How can innovators and developers protect their intellectual property in the form of trade secrets? How a date- and time-

stamped audit trail of their IP development can be protected by a trusted third-party.

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## **Restrictive Covenants: The Importance of Understanding Their Contractual Limits**

### ***Insights***

In a recent decision, the First Department upheld a portion of Justice Andrea Masley's Order which enjoined a defendant modeling agent and modeling agency from unfairly competing, disclosing or misappropriating plaintiff's confidential information, and interfering with plaintiff's contractual relationship with its models, but refused to extend the terms of the employment agreement which prohibited the agent from contacting and soliciting models throughout the pendency of the litigation.

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## **Western Express \$1.1M Proposed Settlement Denied by Federal Court**

### ***News***

A California federal judge has denied preliminary approval of a \$1.1 million settlement in a wage lawsuit against Western

Express, sending the parties back to the drawing board.

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# **As COVID-19 Surges, So Too Should the Use of Well- Crafted Contractual Arbitration Clauses**

## ***Insights***

Virtually every aspect of our lives has been disrupted in one way or another as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing economic collapse.

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# **Ohio State, 162 Survivors Finalize \$40.9 Million Settlement in Strauss Case**

## ***News***

The Ohio State University announced today details of a \$40.9 million settlement reached with 162 survivors in 12 lawsuits related to sexual abuse by Richard Strauss, a university-employed physician from 1978 to 1998 who died in 2005.

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# Law Firm Representing Lady Gaga, Madonna, Bruce Springsteen, Others Suffers Major Data Breach

## *News*

Grubman Shire Meiselas & Sacks, a large media and entertainment law firm, appears to have been the victim of a cyberattack that resulted in the theft of an enormous batch of private information on dozens of celebrities, according to a data security researcher.

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# Titans President Underwood Retires, Nihill Promoted

## *News*

Tennessee Titans president and CEO Steve Underwood retired from his full-time duties Friday after a four-decade relationship with the franchise. Senior vice president of business operations Burke Nihill was promoted to replace Underwood, who will remain with the team as a senior counselor.

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# Webinar | The Benefits of Preparation: Employee Benefit Plan Considerations When Reopening your Business

## *News*

Please join us for our webinar “The Benefits of Preparation: Employee Benefit Plan Considerations When Reopening Your Business.”

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# Webinar | Making Sure Your Disaster Relief Isn't a Disaster: How Nonprofits and Employers Can Provide Relief in Response to the COVID-19 Crisis

## *News*

Please join us for the second webinar in our series on legal issues for charitable organizations in the COVID-19 pandemic.

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# Webinar | California Reopening: Returning to the Workplace & Employment-Related Issues

## *Insights*

Please join us for our “California Reopening: Returning to the Workplace & Employment-Related Issues” webinar.

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# Color of Product Packaging May Be Protectable As Inherently Distinctive Trade Dress

## *News*

In *re Forney Industries*, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the refusal by the Trademark Trial & Appeal Board (TTAB) to register the color mark below, used on Forney’s product packaging for its welding and machining tools and accessories.

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# **Michael Lyons Named Among Best Lawyers in Dallas; Latest professional recognition for attorneys of Lyons & Simmons**

## ***News***

Prominent Dallas trial lawyer and co-founder of the trial firm Lyons & Simmons, LLP Michael Lyons has once again been recognized among D Magazine's peer-nominated listing of The Best Lawyers in Dallas.

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# **California Court Overturns Quincy Jones' Win in Michael Jackson Lawsuit**

## ***News***

A California appeals court on Tuesday overturned most of a 2017 jury verdict awarding Quincy Jones \$9.4 million in royalties and fees from the Michael Jackson estate over the use of Jones-produced Jackson hits in the concert film 'This Is It' and two Cirque du Soleil shows.

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# Regulators Approve \$1.9 Billion Settlement With PG&E, But Back Off on Major Fine

## *News*

The state Public Utilities Commission on Thursday approved a \$1.9 billion settlement with PG&E that allows it to get credit for wildfire prevention spending while at the same time escape being fined \$200 million over regulatory violations stemming from two years of massive wildfires.