

# Freeborn Adds Employment Partner Erin McAdams

## *News*

Erin E. McAdams has joined the Chicago office of Freeborn & Peters LLP as a partner in the Litigation Practice Group, focusing on employment litigation and counseling.

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# R. Craig Mayfield Named Managing Partner of Bradley's Tampa Office

## *News*

R. Craig Mayfield has been named managing partner of the Tampa, Florida, office of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP.

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# Biglaw Co-Chair Charged in College Bribery Scheme

## *News*

Caplan was arrested at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday and was released on \$500,000 bail after appearing in Manhattan federal court.

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# Roundup Cancer Claims Could Come Down to a Feather's Weight

## *News*

Roundup, not hepatitis, caused the plaintiff's cancer, his lawyers argued at a critical juncture in the company's second U.S. trial over the popular herbicide.

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# Johnson & Johnson Acted as Opioid 'Kingpin,' Oklahoma Attorney General Says

## *News*

The Oklahoma case is set to be the first in the nation to go before a jury that could determine pharmaceutical companies' role in the nation's opioid epidemic and whether Big Pharma should pay for it.

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# **Sixth Circuit: Under Contract Law, Whirlpool Not Obligated to Provide Lifetime Retiree Healthcare Benefits**

## ***Insight***

The court found that the CBAs covering the retirees lacked clear, affirmative language that Whirlpool had an obligation to fund their health benefits after the expiration of the agreements' general durational clause.

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# **Jackson Walker Adds Jon Bull to Environment & Natural Resources Practice in Dallas**

## ***News***

Jackson Walker announced the addition of Jonathan M. Bull as a partner in the Dallas office.

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# **Commercial and IP Litigator**

# Joins Barnes & Thornburg as Partner in Atlanta

## *News*

Barnes & Thornburg has added Christina Baugh as a partner in the firm's Litigation Department in the Atlanta office, the firm announced in a release.

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# Paul Sykes Returns to Bradley's Birmingham Office as Intellectual Property Partner

## *News*

Paul M. Sykes has returned to Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP as a partner in the firm's Birmingham office and a member of the firm's Intellectual Property and Litigation practice groups.

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# Stroock Adds Trial Advocate Jennifer Recine

## *News*

Jennifer Recine, a trial litigator who has handled complex

real estate cases and other high-profile matters across industries, has joined Stroock's New York office as a partner.

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## **Above the Law's Outside Counsel Rankings: GCs Reveal Their Go-To Firms**

### **News**

Approximately 1,000 in-house lawyers – from nearly 500 companies and more than 40 cities – responded with evaluations of their outside law firms.

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## **Biglaw Firm Offers \$10k Reward for Lead on Man Who Shot Associate**

### **News**

The gunman shot 37-year-old Spencer Hill in the stomach during a botched robbery attempt as he headed home after a late night at the office, reports *The Philadelphia Tribune*.

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# What *Mission Products* *Holdings v. Tempnology* May (Or May Not) Mean For Trademark Licenses In Bankruptcy

## *Insight*

Tom Kulik of Dallas-based Scheef & Stone discusses what happens when a bankruptcy debtor exercises its statutory right to reject a contract.

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# How to Build a Top-Flight Law Firm Newsletter

## *Insight*

Consistent email communications with a firm's existing network can help raise the firm's stature and reputation as thought leaders

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# What Not to Do: Construction

# Contractor Charged With Lying to OSHA

## *Insight*

A case discussed in a Seyfarth Shaw blog provides an important lesson: Don't lie under oath, especially when there exists discoverable evidence to the contrary.

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# 7th Cir. Holds Mere Need for Extrinsic Evidence to Interpret Ambiguous Contract May Not Be Enough to Avoid Class Cert

## *Insight*

The Seventh Circuit held that merely requiring extrinsic evidence to interpret a provision of a form contract does not render class certification improper, and that absent a more thorough explanation of its reasoning from the trial court, it could not uphold the trial court's ruling decertifying the class.

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# Do Indemnity Obligations Cover First-Party Claims, Or Only Third-Party Claims?

## *Insight*

The Supreme Court of Texas is considering whether to grant a petition for review to establish whether an indemnity provision covers only third-party claims, not first-party claims, unless the provision unequivocally states otherwise, writes D.C. Toedt III in the On Contracts blog.

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# Monica Johnson Joins Bonduelle U.S. Leadership Team as General Counsel

## *News*

Monica Johnson, general counsel of Bonduelle Fresh Americas, has been appointed to its Executive Committee.

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# San Antonio's Langley & Banack, Inc. Promotes Three

# to Shareholders

## *News*

Langley & Banack, Inc. announced recently that Charla D. Davies, Richard A. McNitzky, and Dane H. Patrick have been promoted to shareholder.

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## **Franchise Attorney Robert Smith Joins Quarles & Brady in Washington, D.C.**

## *News*

Quarles & Brady LLP announced that Robert Smith has joined the firm's Business Law Group as a partner in its Washington, D.C. office.