

# San Antonio Oil Exec ‘Thumbed His Nose’ at Legal Process, Judge Says

## *News*

Brian Alfaro had failed to provide various records to a court-appointed receiver, prompting the judge to issue an arrest warrant.

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# Evaluating Current Contracts for Use In the New Year

## *Insight*

Snell & Wilmer offers some advice for businesses that may need to take a look at their existing contract templates to evaluate a refresh or, in certain circumstances, a major overhaul.

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# Biglaw Firm Hit With \$500 Million Malpractice Suit

## *News*

Plaintiffs claim that Reed Smith failed to bring a case against the rating agencies – Standard & Poors, Moody’s, and Fitch Ratings – in a timely manner, resulting in claims being

dismissed.

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## **Job-Seeking Lawyer Loses Age Discrimination Case Based on Experience Cap**

### ***News***

The job applicant, with 25 years of legal experience, didn't get an invitation to interview for the position that was aimed at lawyers with three to seven years experience.

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## **Three Recent Cases Consider the Interpretation and Enforceability of Arbitration Agreements**

### ***Insight***

A post on the website of McGuireWoods LLP discusses three recent cases before the Supreme Court and the Third Circuit relating to the interpretation and enforceability of arbitration agreements.

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# He Made His Way to the Top of Biglaw. Then His Drinking Almost Brought Him Down

## *News*

Steven Wall attributes his alcoholism to three factors: his heredity, his personality and how he handled the enormous stress of his job.

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# Should Contractually-Provided Severance Pay Decrease as Wealth Accumulation Increases?

## *Insight*

Employment agreements between publicly-traded issuers and their executive officers often contain severance pay provisions that are heavily negotiated at the time of entering into the agreements, explains a post on the website of Hunton Andrews Kurth.

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# Employment Attorney Terah Moxley Promoted to Partner at Estes Thorne & Carr

## *News*

Employment attorney Terah Moxley of litigation boutique Estes Thorne & Carr PLLC has been promoted to partner.

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# Bradley Partner Frederic Smith Jr. Named to Who's Who Legal: M&A and Governance 2019

## *News*

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP partner Frederic L. Smith Jr. has been listed in the 2019 edition of Who's Who Legal: M&A and Governance. He is based in the firm's Birmingham, Ala., office.

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# New Advertising Rules Coming

# for Texas Lawyers, Law Firms

## *Insight*

The requested revisions seem to streamline the rules and make them easier to understand and follow, although it will be difficult to determine the true impact until after the final language is approved and the rules are enacted.

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## Have You Really Agreed to Arbitrate?

### *Insight*

An appellate court found that the arbitration clause in the contract did not specify what forum would substitute in place of the jury trial.

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## Dallas' Jody Rodenberg Among Texas Top Women Attorneys in *Texas Monthly*

### *News*

Jody Rodenberg of Sommerman, McCaffity, Quesada & Geisler LLP is featured in the January issue of Texas Monthly in a special section of Top Women Attorneys in Texas

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# Perkins Coie Adds Immigration Partner KoKo Huang to Seattle Office

## *News*

Perkins Coie announced that “KoKo” Ye Huang has joined the firm’s International Transactions & Trade practice as a partner in the Seattle office.

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# Greensfelder Adds Samantha Caluori as Associate

## *News*

Samantha E. Caluori has rejoined Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., in St. Louis as an associate in the Business Services practice group.

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# Steve Clayton Joins Holland & Hart in Salt Lake City

## *News*

Holland & Hart announced the addition of Steve Clayton to the

firm's Salt Lake City office in the Real Estate Development practice.

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## **Former Paralegal Joins Same Law Firm as an Attorney**

### **News**

Family law boutique Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, LLP, announced the addition of associate Jessica Anderson, who previously worked as a paralegal in the firm's Dallas and Frisco offices.

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## **Department of Justice Veteran Joins BRG's Global Investigations Practice in Miami**

### **News**

Richard D. Gregorie's career with the U.S. Department of Justice includes awards and high-profile prosecutions, including indictments of Panamanian General Manuel Noriega and the Medellin Drug Cartel.

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# Deans & Lyons Partner Honored Among Top Young Dallas Lawyers

## *News*

Deans & Lyons partner Chris Simmons has earned selection to D Magazine's 2019 list of Best Lawyers Under 40.

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# Michael Durham Joins Barnes & Thornburg as Labor & Employment Partner

## *News*

Veteran immigration lawyer Michael E. Durham has joined Barnes & Thornburg's South Bend office as a partner in the firm's Labor & Employment Department.

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# Little Adds Oslo-Based

# Hombte Olsby, Marking Firm's Entry Into Scandinavia

## *News*

The expansion, Littler's first into the Nordic region, brings the firm's presence in Europe to seven countries.