

# Former UT Law School Associate Dean John Beckworth Joins Jackson Walker

## *News*

John Beckworth has joined Jackson Walker as of counsel in the firm's Austin office. He is a lecturer and former associate dean at The University of Texas School of Law.

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# Committee on Ways and Means Tax Counsel Moving to Miller & Chevalier

## *News*

Loren C. Ponds, former tax counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, will join Miller & Chevalier as a member in the Tax Department.

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# Lowenstein Sandler Expands D.C. Office With Launch of

# Global Trade & Policy Practice

## *News*

Lowenstein Sandler LLP has launched a Global Trade & Policy practice that advises clients on the growing array of U.S. government regulations of global investments and trade.

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## Ryan Letson Joins Bradley's Huntsville Office as Associate

## *News*

Ryan J. Letson has joined the Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP's Huntsville office as an associate in the Intellectual Property Practice Group.

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## Contract Case: Lack of Consideration – Or Not!

## *Insight*

Writing in ContractsProf Blog, Myanna Dellinger discusses a case that “nicely demonstrates how the consideration doctrine is still relevant and, as always, the importance of getting contracts in writing even though they do not *have to be*.”

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# Google Exec Clouded by Scandal is a Veteran Silicon Valley Counsel

## **News**

David Drummond, the chief legal officer of Google parent Alphabet Inc. and a one-time Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati partner, was cited in a *New York Times* report about the allegedly lax approach that Google has taken to relationships between supervisors and their subordinates.

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# Former Partner Sentenced to Five Years in Prison for Scheme to Bribe Alabama Lawmaker

## **News**

A former partner at Balch & Bingham has been sentenced to five years in prison for a scheme to bribe an Alabama state legislator to oppose expansion of a site designated for an environmental cleanup, reports the *ABA Journal*.

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# **Biglaw Firm Settles Racial Discrimination Lawsuit That Alleged Attorney Called Assistant 'Our Slave'**

## **News**

Above the Law reports that the Biglaw firm of Drinker Biddle & Reath has settled a racial discrimination case filed against them earlier this year.

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# ***Texas Lawyer* Names Miranda Jones Top Woman in IP Law**

## **News**

The statewide recognition is based on Jones' intellectual property law experience and numerous successes and professional accomplishment.

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# **Rusty Hardin Names Three Women New Partners**

## **News**

Texas trial lawyer Rusty Hardin has named Jennifer Brevorka, Lara Hollingsworth, and Megan Moore new partners at Rusty

Hardin & Associates, LLP, the civil and criminal litigation firm he founded 22 years ago.

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## **Data Safeguards in Services Agreements**

### ***Insight***

A post on the website of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius takes a look at some of the issues involving the latest contracting trends for services agreements.

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## **Contract Analytics: A New Artificial Intelligence Endeavor**

### ***Insight***

Both corporate and estate lawyers would likely benefit from this technology because they are frequently exposed to a large number of contracts, according to Epiq.

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# CEO Allegedly Stole Millions From Low-Income Customers to Pay for a Ferrari, a Private Jet and a Florida Condo

## **News**

American Broadband's chief executive, Jeffrey Ansted, was held personally liable for the alleged misconduct as the FCC accused him of embezzling aid money and using it to pay for luxury goods such as an \$8 million private Cessna jet.

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# 'Frack Master' of Texas Oil Fame Pleads Guilty to Massive Fraud, Faces Up to 12 Years in Prison

## **News**

Christopher Faulkner, the former CEO of Dallas-based Breitling Energy, became a star in business circles for his high-profile media appearances defending hydraulic fracturing or fracking, reports *The Dallas Morning News*.

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# Company Couldn't Cut Disabled Worker's Benefits, So It 'Went Rogue' and Had Him Arrested, Lawyer Says

## *News*

An attempt to prosecute a man drawing disability payments for an on-the-job injury drew a withering rebuke from a judge, and now the man is suing the insurance company for malicious prosecution.

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# Carrington Coleman's Cathy Altman Named to Trinity River Authority Board

## *News*

Cathy Altman, a partner in the Dallas office of Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP, has been appointed to the Trinity River Authority Board of Directors by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

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# **Barnes & Thornburg Secures Trade Victory for PMP Fermentation Products**

## ***News***

The U.S. International Trade Commission has unanimously affirmed that PMP Fermentation Products, Inc. was materially injured by unfairly traded sodium gluconate, gluconic acid, and derivative imports from China.

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# **Olivier Dorgans Joins Paris Office of Hughes Hubbard**

## ***News***

Olivier Dorgans has joined Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP as counsel in its Paris office to develop its French and European practice.

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# **In a Texas Courtroom, Tech Firm Huawei Stands Accused of 'Corporate Espionage' to Aid**

# China

## **News**

A former employee of Huawei Technologies Co. accuses the company of using a lawsuit against his Silicon Valley startup as part of a strategy to steal intellectual property and help China achieve technological dominance over the U.S. according to a report in *The Dallas Morning News*.

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## **Lawyer Who Called Decision ‘La La Land on Steroids’ is Suspended for His Wide-Ranging Criticism**

## **News**

A New York appeals court has suspended a Suffolk County lawyer for three months for “inexcusable” criticism about courts hearing two of his cases, reports the *ABA Journal*.