# Litigator Marlén Cortez Morris Joins Barnes & Thornburg in Chicago

***News***

Barnes & Thornburg has added Marlén Cortez Morris as a partner in the Litigation Department.

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# Five Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson Partners Among Texas' Top 100 Attorneys

***News***

The publishers of Texas Super Lawyers have selected five partners with the family law boutique Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, LLP, among the state's Top 100 attorneys.

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# Master Class: Aligning Board Responsibilities

***Webinar, Sept. 20, 2018***

This NAVEX master class will cover how to wrangle top-level

decision-makers to ensure all executives and board members understand their responsibilities for compliance oversight.

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# Social Media for Lawyers: Looking Good, Doing It Right

***Insight***

Some lawyers and law firms dismiss social media in terms of marketing, but it can be a difference maker if you know where to be online and what to do once you get there, advises Bruce Vincent of Muse Communications.

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# Weisbart Springer Hayes Partner Julie Springer Earns ABOTA Membership

***News***

Julie A. Springer, a founding partner of the Austin-based commercial litigation firm Weisbart Springer Hayes, LLP, has been accepted into the American Board of Trial Advocates.

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# Seminar: 2018 Employment Law Update

***Event, Sept. 13, 2018, Denver***

Holland & Hart will present a complimentary half-day seminar on the latest developments in labor and employment law.

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# Blank Rome Signs New Chief Innovation & Value Officer Linda Novosel

Linda Novosel has joined Blank Rome LLP's Philadelphia office as the firm's first Chief Innovation & Value Officer. She formerly was with Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where she served as the firm's Chief Client Value Officer.

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# Perkins Coie Adds Healthcare Practitioners to White Collar & Investigations Practice

***News***

Richard (Rick) A. Hosley and Chandra K. Westergaard have joined Perkins Coie's White Collar & Investigations practice as partner and senior counsel, respectively, in Denver.

# FisherBroyles Adds New IP Partners

*News*

FisherBroyles, LLP announced the additions of Greg Fettig, Kevin Jablonski and Michael W. Russell as partners and registered patent attorneys in the firm’s Intellectual Property Practice Group.

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# Quarles & Brady Opens New Downtown Minneapolis Office

*News*

Quarles & Brady LLP announced that it is opening a full-service downtown Minneapolis office this month, the firm’s 11th location nationwide.

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# Michael Best Adds Former White House Deputy Counsel in

# Washington, D. C.

***News***

Stefan Passantino, former White House Deputy Counsel in charge of compliance and ethics oversight, has joined Michael Best & Friedrich LLP.

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# State Farm Ducks Racketeering Trial With $250 Million Accord

***News***

Policyholders had accused the company of leading an effort to recruit a judge friendly to its cause for the Illinois Supreme Court, Bloomberg reports.

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# Former Biglaw Attorney Goes on Anti-Asian Racist Social Media Rant

***News***

Above the Law tells the story of Christina Ignatius, who railed against Asians who “took over Orange County” — propagating the trope of Asians as bad drivers and ridiculing her perception of a generically Asian accent.

# Budget Benchmarks: Where Do You Stand?

***Insight***

As budget season approaches, a post on the Xakia website takes a look at the financial side of corporate legal operations – from alternative fee arrangements to special considerations for smaller departments.

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# Bay Area Law Firm Archer Norris to Shutter, Costing 124 Jobs

***News***

A court-approved interim operations will allow the firm's employees to be paid to keep working with clients until mid-September.

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# R Delacy Peters Joins Segal

# McCambridge in Chicago Office

*News*

R Delacy Peters has joined Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd. in a full time of counsel position in the firm’s Chicago office.

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# Buchalter Adds Two Lawyers to New Seattle Office

*News*

Buchalter announced that Tonie L. Bitseff and James E. Brown II have joined its growing Seattle office.

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# Virginia Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax Joins Morrison & Foerster

*News*

Virginia Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax, a former federal prosecutor, has joined Morrison & Foerster as a partner in its Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. offices.

# Registration Open for 2018 Eastern District of Texas Bench Bar Conference

***Event, Oct. 17-19, 2018***

The 22nd annual EDTX Bench Bar Conference is set for October 17-19 at the Marriott Legacy Town Center in Plano.

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# Check Those ‘Choice of Law’ Provisions

***Insight***

Choice of law” clauses in contracts are often overlooked in their potential importance, as the parties and counsel concentrate on the more immediate matter of the explicit commercial terms, according to Nexsen Pruet.