

# Holland & Knight Wins Reversal of \$34.5M Malpractice Verdict

## *News*

A wealthy investor who accused Holland & Knight of facilitating a Ponzi scheme was not entitled to the \$34.5 million verdict that a jury awarded him in 2012, a California appeals court ruled.

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# Jackson Walker Expands in Dallas with Addition of Four Real Estate Partners

## *News*

Jackson Walker announced that Cynthia “Cindy” Brotman Nelson, George C. Dunlap Jr., Kevin L. Kelley and Scott Tuthill have joined the firm as partners in the real estate practice group in the Dallas office.

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# DLA Piper Announces

# Partnership Promotions for 2018

## *News*

DLA Piper 19 promotions to partner in the United States, six in Canada, ten in the United Kingdom, 18 across Continental Europe, two in Asia, two in Latin America, two in the Middle East, two in Australia and a further one in South Africa.

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## Survey Finds 65% of Legal Departments Prefer to Bring More Talent In-House

### *Insight*

More than 500 in-house counsel, including general counsels and chief legal officers, completed the Special Counsel survey on topics related to talent acquisition resources, legal budgets and national and local salary data, including an examination of diversity and gender gaps.

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## Little Add Shareholder Craig Borowski in

# Indianapolis

## *News*

Craig M. Borowski has joined Littler as a shareholder in the firm's Indianapolis office. Borowski was previously a partner at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP.

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## **Craig Chick Joins Foley Gardere in Austin**

### *News*

Craig P. Chick has joined Foley Gardere's Government Solutions Practice Group in its Austin, Texas office as Director of Public Affairs.

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## **ACC Conducting 2018 Global Compensation Survey**

### *Insight*

The Association of Corporate Counsel is conducting the new 2018 Global Compensation Survey – the largest self-reported compensation survey within the in-house counsel profession in the world.

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# Webinar: How Solid is Your Whistleblower Program?

*Webinar, April 10, 2018, 1 p.m. EDT*

Webinar participants will hear new insights from the 2018 Ethics & Compliance Hotline & Incident Management Benchmark Report.

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# Facebook's Problems Spotlight Elevated Role of In-House Lawyers

*News*

Anyone ruminating over the elevated role of in-house lawyers might consider the case of Facebook, points out Elizabeth Olson in a Bloomberg Big Law Business report.

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# Webinar Recording Available on SEC Cybersecurity Guidance

*On-Demand*

Hunton & Williams LLP has posted an on-demand webinar

discussing the Securities and Exchange Commission's recently released cybersecurity guidance.

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## **Energy Company's Bankruptcy Generating Enron-Sized Legal Fees**

### **News**

Total fees for all the professionals probably will hit \$1 billion, according to Energy Future Holdings General Counsel Andy Wright.

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## **Blockchain Smart Contracts Need a New Kind of Due Diligence**

### **News**

An article by two Hogan Lovells lawyers and published by Lexology outlines some of the due diligence steps to take in the age of blockchain age of smart contracts.

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# Arbitrability Basics: An Illustration of the 'Autonomy' Principle

## *Insight*

When considering an arbitration clause in a contract, one must always bear in mind the “separability” or “independence” of the arbitration agreement &mdash; the autonomy principle, writes Narges Kakalia for Mintz Levin.

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# The Court is Tiebreaker When Parents Can't Agree

## *News*

A divorced couple cannot agree on whether their son, who has a history of concussions, should stop playing high school football out of a concern for his safety.

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# Amazon Fires Its Lobbying Law Firms in Washington

## *News*

The change comes after passage of the tax overhaul bill last year and in the face of new challenges in the age of President Donald Trump, reports Bloomberg Politics.

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# Judge Dismisses Exxon's Lawsuit, Letting Multi-State Fraud Investigation Continue

## *News*

A U.S. district judge in New York on Thursday dismissed Exxon's lawsuit claiming officials in New York and Massachusetts conspired with environmental groups in planning the securities-fraud probe.

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# Barclays Wins Its DOJ Gamble With \$2 Billion Mortgage Settlement

## *News*

Two former executives at the bank also settled Thursday and agreed to pay \$2 million to resolve claims without admitting wrongdoing.

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# **Michael B. Pullano New Shareholder at Segal McCambridge**

## ***News***

Michael B. Pullano has joined Segal McCambridge Singer and Mahoney, Ltd. as a shareholder in the firm's Philadelphia office.

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# **Adam T. Ettinger Joins FisherBroyles FinTech and Blockchain Practice Group**

## ***News***

Adam T. Ettinger has joined FisherBroyles, LLP as a partner and co-chair of the firm's FinTech and Blockchain practice group, based in the firm's Los Angeles and Palo Alto, Calif., offices.

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# **Estes Thorne & Carr Attorneys Recognized by Texas Rising**

# Stars

## *News*

Dallas litigation boutique Estes Thorne & Carr announced that firm attorneys Katherine Anand, Lindsay Daye Barbee, and Terah Moxley are among those honored on the 2018 list of Texas Rising Stars.