

# **Louisiana Public Service Commission Approves Contracts Held Up over Work with Environmentalists**

ContractsThe Louisiana Public Service Commission on Tuesday approved two government consulting contracts that were delayed last month because one commissioner was upset the low bidder didn't disclose work

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# **Associates Taking Home Big Bonuses at Top 50 Biglaw Firm**

Law Firm ManagementAs 2021 rolls to a close, it is nice to do some reflection on how the year the second of the COVID pandemic treated you. For Biglaw firms, the answer to how was 2021 seems to be an

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# **Medtronic Gets 3M Law Chief to Join Medical Device Maker**

## **in 2022**

General Counsel Medtronic Plc has nabbed 3M Co.'s legal chief, as Ivan Fong joins the medical-device maker Feb. 1 as executive vice president and general counsel. Fong succeeds Brad Lerman, who is retiring

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## **Former LA County Coroner's Investigator Gets \$8.4 Million in Lawsuit**

Litigation A former coroner's office investigator was awarded \$8.4 million on Friday, Dec. 17, in her lawsuit against Los Angeles County in which she said she was forced into early retirement in 2017 in

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## **Desjardins Data Breach: Class Action Lawsuit Agreement Reaches \$201 Million**

Litigation A class action lawsuit against Canadian financial services firm Desjardins has provisionally settled for C\$201 million after a 2019 data breach exposed the personal information of 10 million customers

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# **Chris Carr, Stephen Higdon Named Partners at Trial Firm Lyons & Simmons**

AnnouncementsChris Carr and Stephen Higdon have been named partners at the Texas trial firm Lyons & Simmons.

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# **ROBERT N. FLOWERS AND LAWRENCE J. MCFARLAND JOIN BRADLEY'S REAL ESTATE PRACTICE IN DALLAS**

AnnouncementsBradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP is pleased to announce the arrival of Robert N. Flowers and Lawrence J. McFarland to the firm's Real Estate Practice Group in Dallas.

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# **Stinson Welcomes Real Estate**

# **and Public Finance Attorney Cody Rogers to D.C. Office**

AnnouncementsStinson LLP is pleased to announce that Cody S. Rogers has joined the firm's Washington, D.C. office as a partner in the Tax Credit Finance practice group. Rogers brings with him a wealth of experience in community development finance and New Markets Tax Credit transactions. He has significant experience assisting investors, lenders, community development entities, and project developers close transactions that qualify for federal and state new markets tax credits and other federal, state, and local initiatives. He has represented clients on a wide array of projects including rural broadband projects, manufacturing facilities, farmers' cooperatives, charter schools, nonprofits and community centers, children's hospitals, and homeless shelters.

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# **Buchalter Elevates Nine Attorneys to Shareholder**

AnnouncementsBuchalter is pleased to announce the promotions of nine attorneys to Shareholder.

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# **Perkins Coie Adds Veteran IP Partner Jim Go to Seattle Office**

Announcements Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that James (Jim) Go has joined the firm's Intellectual Property practice as a partner in its Seattle office.

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# **Los Angeles Jury Returns \$780,000 Verdict for Talc User Who Died from Mesothelioma**

Announcements Simon Greenstone Panatier trial lawyers secured a \$780,000 jury verdict for the family of an 86-year-old woman who died from cancer caused by asbestos exposure. The jury issued its decision on December 10, 2021, after a 10-day trial. The case was resolved between the parties before punitive damages were considered.

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**Government Services and**

# **Finance partner Steve Herst joins Barnes & Thornburg's Wilmington Office**

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# **TURNER PADGET ELECTS HANNAH STETSON TO SHAREHOLDER**

AnnouncementsTurner Padget Graham & Laney, P.A. announces that Columbia-based Hannah Stetson has been elected shareholder of the firm, effective January 3, 2022.

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# **Contract Logix Ends 2021 with Awards Program Winners and Recognition on G2's Winter 2022 Grid ® Reports for Contract Lifecycle Management**

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## **Venable Continues to Expand Its Capabilities in Chicago with the Addition of Experienced Disputes Lawyer Michael Morkin**

Announcements Michael L. Morkin has joined Venable LLP as a partner in the Litigation Practice in the Chicago office. Mr. Morkin is a recognized practitioner in international arbitration and litigation.

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## **Bradley Partner J. David Pugh Re-Elected to Associated Builders and Contractors Executive Committee**

Announcements J. David Pugh, a partner in the Birmingham, Alabama, office of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, has been elected to a second two-year term as the Southeast Region chair on the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)

Executive Committee.

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## **Perkins Coie Recognized by Weyerhaeuser for “Strongest Commitment” to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

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## **Securities Partner Scott Budlong Joins Barnes & Thornburg’s New York Office**

Announcements Scott Budlong has joined Barnes & Thornburg in their New York office in the Corporate Department

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## Year's End Causes Many to Choose a Different Path

Announcements The end of the year is a time for celebration and deep reflection. When we look back and review proud moments and achievements, we are more likely to take stock of what we want our lives to look like and what we need to do to achieve these goals. This is also a time of year when couples realize they are not satisfied in their marriage, and their relationship is standing in the way of their happiness.