Newman & Shapiro Announces $25 Million Settlement with Private Equity Firm H.I.G. and Two Executives to Resolve Whistleblower Case Alleging Medicaid Billing Fraud at South Bay Mental Health Center

AnnouncementsNewman & Shapiro, a law firm dedicated to representing whistleblowers nationwide, today announced that private equity firm H.I.G. Growth Partners, LLC, and H.I.G. Capital, LLC (“H.I.G.”), and two executives of an H.I.G. subsidiary that owned South Bay Mental Health Center, Inc. (“South Bay”), have agreed to pay a total of $25 million to settle a False Claims Act (“FCA”) lawsuit alleging they caused fraudulent billing to Medicaid for mental health services provided by unlicensed, unqualified, and improperly supervised mental health counselors at South Bay. South Bay settled its portion of the case approximately two years ago for $4 million.

Former U.S. Attorney,

Department of Homeland Security GC Joe D. Whitley Joins Womble Bond Dickinson

AnnouncementsProminent white collar and investigations attorney Joe D. Whitley has joined Womble Bond Dickinson as a partner in the Business Litigation practice group.

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Jon Gruden Contract: What

Raiders Coach’s Resignation Means for Future Salary, Guarantees

AnnouncementsJon Gruden is no longer the coach of the Raiders. He resigned on Monday night after emails he sent between 2011 and 2018 which contained racist, homophobic and misogynistic language were leaked to the

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Global Energy Crisis Could Dim Climate Hopes

AnnouncementsAn energy crisis around the world is hitting households and manufacturers that were already struggling to recover from the global pandemic. This is a perfect storm of crises. It features supply shortages, especially from

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Deere & Co. Workers Go on Strike After Rejecting Contract

AnnouncementsMore than 10,000 Deere & Co. workers went on strike Thursday at midnight after the company failed to present an agreement that met our members’ demands and needs,

The United Auto Workers union said

Kings Sign Ade Murkey and Damien Jefferson to Contracts

AnnouncementsAccording to Sam Amick of The Athletic, the Kings are signing both Ade Murkey and Damien Jefferson to contracts that will eventually be waived on Thursday so that the two can join the Stockton Kings for the

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Benchmark Litigation Honors Ward, Smith & Hill Partners Johnny Ward, Wesley Hill

AnnouncementsHigh-stakes trial attorneys Johnny Ward and Wesley Hill are recognized as Litigation Stars in the 15th edition of Benchmark Litigation, a legal guide spotlighting the nation’s leading litigators and law firms.

Richard Orsinger Selected to Texas Bar Association’s Hall of Legends

AnnouncementsAcclaimed Texas attorney Richard R. Orsinger, name partner in the Family Law boutique Orsinger, Nelson, Downing and Anderson (ONDA), has been inducted into the State Bar of Texas Family Law Hall of Legends in recognition of his significant contributions to the practice of law.

Barnes & Thornburg Welcomes Pharma, Biochemistry Patent Litigator To Growing Atlanta Office

AnnouncementsBarnes & Thornburg is pleased to announce the addition of IP litigator John W. Cox, Ph.D., as a partner in its Atlanta office. Cox has joined the Intellectual Property Department with a focus on patent litigation and strategic counseling related to pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device and chemical matters.

Hogan Lovells appoints Chris Moore as Silicon Valley Office Managing Partner

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Arent Fox Adds Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Partner in New York

AnnouncementsArent Fox is pleased to announce the expansion of its Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring practice with the addition of Partner Brett D. Goodman. Brett represents creditors' committees, indenture trustees and agents, debtors, asset purchasers, lessors, and property owners in bankruptcy proceedings and out-of-court restructurings.

Eastman & Smith Welcomes Attorneys Elizabeth Johnson,

Elizabeth Bolduc and Josh Unice

AnnouncementsAttorneys Elizabeth A. Johnson, Elizabeth L. Bolduc, and Josh K. Unice have joined Eastman & Smith LTD. Johnson is of counsel based in Columbus, Ohio. Bolduc and Unice are associates based in Toledo, Ohio.

Bradley Partner Robert Maddox Elected as Governing Committee Member of CCFL

AnnouncementsBradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP partner Robert Maddox has been elected as a member of the Governing Committee of the Conference on Consumer Finance Law (CCFL).

Ball Janik LLP Continues Growth with Addition of Paralegal Dwight A. (Chaz) Marriott

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Tucker Arensberg Welcomes New Attorney to the Firm

AnnouncementsOn Monday, October 4th, Brett Flower joined Tucker Arensberg as an Associate for the firm.

Former Assistant United States Attorney Kirti Reddy Joins Quarles & Brady’s Washington, D.C., Office

AnnouncementsNational law firm Quarles & Brady has added Kirti Reddy to the firm’s Washington, D.C. office as a partner in the Health & Life Sciences Practice Group.

Tarter Krinsky & Drogin Elevates Sean Scuderi to

Partner in Construction Practice

AnnouncementsSean Scuderi was elevated to Partner in the Construction Practice at Tarter Krinsky & Drogin in New York City.

Akerman Team Prevails in Multimillion Dollar International Litigation

AnnouncementsAn Akerman litigation team prevailed October 6 in a multimillion dollar international litigation spanning Spain, Latin America, and the United States. A Florida appellate court sided with Akerman client Cell Consumer Electronics Logistics, SA, which had won a summary judgment in a Spanish court over a former joint venture partner in the mobile phone industry. Cell Consumer and its partners had provided cell phone distribution services to Telefonica Internacional, S.A., a telecom company based in Spain. Telefonica had agreed to raise €70 million (about $81 million) for a joint venture, but failed to do so, and then sued Cell Consumer for $35 million in damages. Cell Consumer won on summary judgement in Spain, Court of First Instance in Alcobendas, Kingdom of Spain, but sued again in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in South Florida, where the court enforced Spain’s foreign judgment and barred any new claims under Florida law.

Texas Bankruptcy Law Firm Forshey Prostok Welcomes New Partner Emily Chou

AnnouncementsFormer U.S. Bankruptcy Court clerk has more than 20 years’ experience in business reorganization, creditors’ rights, and commercial litigation.