

# Former FDA Chief Counsel Rejoins Sidley as Practice Leader in Washington, D.C.

## *News*

Rebecca “Becky” Wood, former chief counsel to the Food and Drug Administration, has rejoined Sidley Austin LLP as a partner.

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# SEC Says Biotech Billionaire CEO Took Part in Pump-and-Dump Schemes

## *News*

In a lawsuit filed in federal court in New York, the SEC alleged OPKO Health chairman and CEO Phillip Frost took part in three pump-and-dump schemes between 2013 and 2018, according to MedCity News.

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# Annual Security Report Deadline is Approaching

## *Insight*

The U.S. Department of Education’s deadline for institutions

to comply with the Annual Security Report is Oct. 1, 2018, points out Canopy Programs by United Educators.

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## **Former Dewey Chairman Reaches Agreement With SEC to Pay Six-Figure Civil Penalty**

### ***News***

The SEC alleged that some executives of Dewey & LeBoeuf, which closed in 2012, misled lenders and bond buyers about the firm's financial condition.

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## **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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# EPA Proposes Affordable Clean Energy Rule to Replace Clean Power Plan

## *Insight*

The current Administration does not believe it has authority under Section 111 of the Clean Air Act to require regulated entities to take actions “outside the fenceline,” according to Beveridge & Diamond.

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# United Airlines Loses Challenge to Union Drive

## *News*

Bloomberg reports that a vote on unionization by 2,700 United Airlines in-flight catering workers can proceed over the company’s objections, the general counsel of the National Mediation Board ruled.

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# Judge Guts FTC’s \$4-Billion Lawsuit Against DirecTV

## *News*

The judge said there remain a number of problems with the FTC’s theories for relief and that the FTC “has an uphill

climb.”

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## **White Paper: Update on the U.S. Department of Education's Clery Enforcement Measures**

### ***Insight***

Despite the change in federal administration, the U.S. Department of Education has continued to aggressively enforce the Clery Act, reports Canopy Programs.

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## **Special Receiver Appointed in Federal Lawsuit Against Wells Fargo in Texas Case**

### ***News***

The SEC alleges defendants were operating a Ponzi scheme, with limited returns paid to investors from monies raised from other investors.

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# Department of Energy Streamlines Small-Scale LNG Export Authorizations

## *Insight*

The Department of Energy has announced a final rule that will expedite the approval process for small-scale exports of natural gas, reports Cadwalader.

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# The Entire W.Va. Supreme Court Faces Impeachment for Alleged Corruption

## *News*

Fourteen articles of impeachment allege corruption, maladministration, incompetence, neglect of duty and potential criminal behavior – impeachable offenses under the state constitution, according to *The Washington Post*.

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# DOJ Says Ruling on AT&T-Time Warner Ignored 'Economics and

# Common Sense'

## *News*

In its filing, the DOJ called the district court's decision a "deeply flawed assessment of the government's evidence."

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# Hall Estill Represents OIEC in Historic Rate Reduction for OG&E Customers

## *News*

Hall Estill represented Oklahoma Industrial Energy Consumers, an association of large power users in Oklahoma, as an intervenor in Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co.'s application for Corporation Commission approval of a rate hike.

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# Health Care Fraud: How a Strike Force is Selected for a City

## *News*

According to the Department of Justice, a Medicare Fraud Strike Force consists of a partnership between the DOJ and Department of Health and Human Services to prevent fraud and enforce anti-fraud laws.

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# **‘Stupid, Dumb and Fat’ Comments Get Cleveland Lawyer Suspended**

## ***News***

A Cleveland lawyer who has already paid a \$300,000 settlement to his former paralegal for insulting her has now been suspended from the practice of law for six months.

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# **Annual Security Report Preparation: 10 Questions to Ensure Compliance**

## ***Insight***

Preparing your institution’s Annual Security Report (ASR) is critical in demonstrating your school’s compliance with the Clery Act, says Canopy Programs by United Educators.

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# **Army of Local Lawyers Itching**

# to Fight Trump's Policies

## *News*

Lawyers for Good Government is led by executive director Traci Feit Love, a Harvard Law School graduate and former litigator for DLA Piper, one of the biggest law firms in the world.

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# Ex-Dentons Extortionist Faces Disciplinary Charges

## *News*

Bloomberg Law is reporting that a former Dentons associate who stole the firm's confidential files and then tried to extort cash and artwork from the firm now faces attorney discipline charges.

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# Bitcoin Exchange Operator Faces 40 Years in Jail for Lying to SEC

## *News*

The virtual currency operator absconded with investors' assets, exchanging them into U.S. dollars to buy groceries and to pay for travel and other personal expenses, reports Bloomberg Law.