

# Michael Avenatti Is Now Being Held in Same Chilly Cell That Housed El Chapo

## *News*

Avenatti was put in the most secure section of the federal facility under special administrative measures designed to cut off his communications with the outside world.

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# Former U.S. Congressman Sentenced to 26 Months for Insider Trading

## *News*

As a board member of a biotech company, Chris Collins gave insider information on the company to his son.

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# 2019 Bad Guys in Energy

## *Insight*

Gray Reed partner Charles Sartain takes a look back at some of 2019's malefactors in the energy business in a post in the firm's Energy & the Law blog.

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# **Solar Company Executive Pleads Guilty to Defrauding Investors of \$1 Billion**

## ***News***

DC Solar Solutions of California made solar generators mounted on trailers that provided event lighting and emergency power for communications companies.

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# **Prominent Litigator Murdered; 'Likely Saved the Lives of Others'**

## ***News***

The victim, Randy Gori, practiced asbestos, benzene and personal injury litigation in both Illinois and Missouri.

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# **Lawyers in Trouble: One**

# Collected Dead Client's Pension, Another Charged With Stealing \$300,000 from Client

## *News*

Two lawyers, one in Rhode Island and the other in Long Island, are in trouble on charges of stealing from clients' funds.

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# Kentucky AG Asks FBI to Investigate Ex-Gov. Matt Bevin's Pardons

## *News*

Attorney General Daniel Cameron cited concern for public safety in a letter he wrote to state legislators who had asked him to launch a state investigation into the pardons.

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# Roundup Plaintiffs' Lawyer Arrested on Extortion Charges

## *News*

Timothy Litzenburg was arrested for allegedly threatening "to inflict substantial financial and reputational harm."

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# U.S. Appeals Court Rebukes Federal Judge Who Endorsed Jury Nullification in Trial of Sex Offender

## *News*

“We emphatically reject the rule, advanced by Judge Underhill ... that district courts are free to permit jury nullification,” appeals court says.

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# Philly Lawyer Disbarred for Laundering Money for Baltimore Crime Family

## *News*

Prosecutors alleged J. Michael Farrell worked with a crime family based in Baltimore that distributed thousands of pounds of illegal marijuana throughout the Mid-Atlantic states.

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# Law Firms Face \$500M Lawsuit in Fallout of Ponzi Fraudster's Conviction

## *News*

Nine law firms face civil claims they aided and abetted a multimillion-dollar securities scam run by convicted fraudster Robert Shapiro.

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# Former Bumble Bee Tuna CEO Found Guilty of Price Fixing

## *News*

Prosecutors alleged that he conspired with colleagues and executives at rival companies on a "peace proposal" in order to boost prices.

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# Hughes Hubbard Issues 2019 FCPA & Anti-Bribery Alert

## *Insight*

Hughes Hubbard has released its annual FCPA Alert. The alert provides a comprehensive review of the cases, trends and enforcement actions that impacted anti-corruption law throughout 2018 and 2019 and predicts what compliance

professionals and general counsel can expect to see in 2020.

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## **Ohio Attorney Suspended for Helping Clients Evade Taxes**

### ***News***

The Ohio Supreme Court found that actions of Gregory Thomas Plesich violated professional ethics rules prohibiting lawyers from helping clients break the law.

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## **Ex-Big Law Partner Found Guilty in Cryptocurrency Fraud Trial**

### ***News***

The former Locke Lord partner was one of the defendants in a lawsuit targeting individuals involved in the fraudulent cryptocurrency scheme OneCoin.

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# **A Night of Drinking, a Closed Strip Joint and a White Castle Shooting Bring Suspensions for 3 Judges**

## **News**

It all started hours before the three judges were to attend an educational conference in Indianapolis.

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# **Facing Investigation, Giuliani Needed a Lawyer, but Firms Stayed Away**

## **News**

At least four prominent attorneys declined to represent President Trump's personal lawyer for various reasons.

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# **Trump Tax Return Case Confronts Supreme Court With**

# a Momentous Choice

## *News*

The court can agree to hear the case and rule by June, or it simply can deny review, leaving in place the appeals court ruling and effectively requiring Trump's accountants to turn over his tax returns.

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# Conspiracy Theorist Loses Case Against Robert Mueller

## *News*

A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit against former special counsel Robert Mueller, rejecting a conspiracy theorist's claim that Mueller pressured him to commit perjury.

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# Spying on Defense Lawyers Preparing for Trial? You Can't Do That, Court Tells Prosecutors

## *News*

A New Jersey appeals court kicked county prosecutors off a drug case after the office spied on a defense attorney preparing for trial.