Federal Judge Approves $577M Settlement for Maryland’s Historically Black Universities

NewsA federal judge approved a deal Wednesday for Maryland to settle a long-running lawsuit over the state’s treatment of its four historically Black universities with $555 million in extra funding over 10 years, clearing the last major hurdle to end a legal battle launched in 2006.

Maryland Finalizes $577M Settlement for HBCU Federal Lawsuit

NewsMaryland has finalized a $577 million settlement to end a 15-year federal lawsuit relating to underfunding at the state’s four historically Black colleges and universities.

Corporate Lawyer in U.S.

College Admissions Scandals Gets Two-Year Law License Suspension

NewsThe former co-chairman of a major New York law firm has been suspended from practicing law for two years after pleading guilty and spending time in prison over his role in the U.S. college admissions scandal.

Orrick and Legal Innovators Team Up

NewsLegal Innovator and Orrick are collaborating on a pilot program through which two Legal Innovators lawyers will join Orrick’s incoming class of law school graduates as ‘Orrick Legal Innovators’ Fellows.’

Elizabeth School Board Must Pay Wrongly Fired Lawyer Damages

NewsAn appellate panel ruled Elizabeth’s School Board must pay roughly $260,000 in damages after findings its in-house counsel was improperly fired midway through a three-year

contract.

$330M Settlement Reached with Approximately 1,000 ITT Tech Students

NewsApproximately 1,000 former ITT Tech students in South Carolina were part of a $330 million settlement for debt relief after a lawsuit against the for-profit school.

How General Counsels Can Improve Legal Hiring Decisions by Using the Big Five Personality Factors

Insights

General Counsels Overvalue Educational Credentials and Industry Experience at the Expense of Personality-Job Fit. Here Are Some Ideas You Can Use.

Law Grads Have Had Job Offers Rescinded at 49% of Surveyed Law Schools

News

Law grads have had employment offers rescinded at 49% of the law schools surveyed by the National Association for Law Placement.

Veteran State Court Judge Rips Bar Exam, Says Test ‘Does Not Function to Protect The Public’

News

Judge Darleen Ortega has spent 17 years on the Oregon Court of Appeals and she’s learned a thing or two about the bar exam as she’s watched from her judicial perch.

Settlement for Detroit

Literacy Lawsuit Eyes Nearly $100M in Funding

News

A historic settlement reached between the state and Detroit students calls for $94.5 million in future literacy funding, a $280,000 payout among seven plaintiffs and the creation of two Detroit task forces to help ensure a quality education for students.

Ohio State, 162 Survivors Finalize $40.9 Million Settlement in Strauss Case

News

The Ohio State University announced today details of a $40.9 million settlement reached with 162 survivors in 12 lawsuits related to sexual abuse by Richard Strauss, a university-employed physician from 1978 to 1998 who died in 2005.

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Attorney General Ellison Shuts Down Fraudulent Student-Loan Debt-Settlement Company

News

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison announced this week that his office has obtained a settlement that requires a California student-loan debt-relief company that illegally collected fees from customers and misrepresented its services to consumers to cease operating in Minnesota and provide full refunds to its Minnesota consumers.

$665,000 Settlement For East Bay Student Punished For Mock Terrorist Video

News

An East Bay school district has agreed to pay $665,000 to settle a free-speech suit by a former student who was suspended from a leadership class, and briefly barred from serving as student body president, after posting a video that showed him as a James Bond hero fighting off terrorists.

Perkins Coie’s Fourth Augmented and Virtual Reality Survey Shows Optimism Increasing

Insights

Perkins Coie’s Fourth Augmented and Virtual Reality Survey Shows Optimism Increasing as Immersive Technologies Enter the Mainstream

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Small Colleges Are Lawyering Up. Here’s Why.

News

In addition to the standard docket of lawsuits claiming that a university discriminated against applicants who were denied admission or that a faculty member was unfairly turned down for tenure, a wave of high-profile cases have resulted in universities offering large settlements or having multi-millon dollar verdicts returned against them.

Bar Applicant With Extreme School Debt Can Sit for the Bar, Ohio Supreme Court Says

News

Cynthia Marie Rodgers, the Capital University School of Law graduate who got dinged on her Ohio character and fitness application for having almost $900,000 in school debt.

How Showcasing Softer Content and Your Firm’s Culture Can

Enhance Your Social Media Efforts

Insight

Using social media to support your firm’s and lawyers’ business development efforts should be at forefront of everything you do on LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, etc.