

# Former Indiana State Majority Leader Joins Barnes & Thornburg in DC

## **News**

Former Indiana Senate Majority Leader Brandt Hershman has joined Barnes & Thornburg LLP's Washington, D.C., office as an of counsel attorney in the firm's Government Services and Finance Department.

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# Trump Calls U.S. Court System 'Unfair' After DACA Ruling

## **News**

President Trump on Wednesday blasted the U.S. court system as "broken and unfair" after a federal judge blocked his move to end the program protecting young immigrants brought to the United States illegally by their parents, reports Reuters.

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# Trump's Effort to Stop Publication of Scathing Book

# is a Break in Precedent

## News

Inn aDouglas Brinkley, a presidential historian at Rice University, likened Trump's actions this week to those of Richard M. Nixon, reports Slate.

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# The Supreme Court's Travel Ban Off-Ramp

## News

A Ninth Circuit ruling on President Trump's "travel ban" case offers the U.S. Supreme Court a clever way to reject the ban without limiting government power over immigration, writes Garrett Epps for *The Atlantic*.

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# The Net Neutrality Lawsuits Are Coming. Here's What They're Likely to Say.

## News

Consumer groups and some state attorneys general have vowed to sue the FCC to overturn its net neutrality decision, writes Brian Fung in an article for *The Washington Post*.

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# FBI's Top Lawyer Said to Be Reassigned

## News

The FBI's top lawyer, James Baker, is being reassigned – one of the first moves by new director Christopher A. Wray to assemble his own team of senior advisers, reports *The Washington Post*.

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# Whistleblowers' Lawsuit Leads to Massive Medical Fraud Settlement

## News

The payments cap off longstanding allegations of a vast medical-fraud conspiracy between a major hospital chain and the physicians groups that bilked federal and state healthcare programs, reports *The Charlotte Observer*.

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# Alabama Senate Loss Will Rein

# in Trump's Judicial Selections

## *Insight*

With the Republicans Senate majority reduced to one, the opposition of two senators would leave Republicans without a majority to confirm judges, writes Jonathan R. Nash in *The Hill*.

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## Inside Trump's Legal Team: Trying to Protect the President From Mueller's 'Killers'

## *News*

Trump's legal team in the Russia probe is derided by some as being indiscreet, error-prone and outmatched, according to *The Washington Post*

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## Republicans Attack ABA Over 'Not Qualified' Judicial

# Nominee Ratings

## **News**

As the ABA has emerged as a major stumbling block in President Donald Trump's effort to transform the courts, the GOP is accusing the nonpartisan group of holding a liberal slant and is seeking to sideline it, Politico reports.

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## Fear Mounts Inside USDA over Trump's General Counsel Pick

## **News**

Politico is reporting that morale among many of the Agriculture Department's legal staff has plummeted since Stephen Vaden, the Trump administration's nominee to be USDA General Counsel, assumed leadership in March, say several agency attorneys from across the country.

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## Trump Lawyers Say Judge Lacks Jurisdiction for Defamation Lawsuit

## **News**

Summer Zervos, a former contestant on Trump's reality show "The Apprentice," contends that Trump's denials of her

accusations amounted to false and defamatory statements, according to Reuters.

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## **ITAR For Government Contractors**

*Webinar, Dec. 13, 2017, 1 p.m. EST*

An upcoming webinar presented by Williams Mullen's International Practice Group will provide an overview of ITAR for government contracts executives and an update on recent developments in the law.

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## **Ex-Akin Partner Guilty of Trying to Sell Secret U.S. Whistleblower Lawsuits**

*News*

As a former employee of the Justice Department, Jeffrey Wertkin had access to lawsuits filed by whistleblowers against companies on the government's behalf to recover taxpayer funds paid out based on fraudulent claims.

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# Judge to Trump Firms: Save Records for AGs' Emoluments Lawsuit

## **News**

The AGs claim that the president's continued ownership of his business empire allows him to make money from foreign and domestic governments.

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# FCC Plan Would Give Internet Providers Power to Choose the Sites Customers See and Use

## **News**

*The Washington Post* reports that federal regulators unveiled a plan Tuesday that would give Internet providers broad powers to determine what websites and online services their customers can see and use, and at what cost.

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# AT&T Counsel, an Ex-Trump Attorney, Calls DOJ's Suit on

# Time Warner Deal 'Fake Antitrust'

## News

"There is no credible evidence" that AT&T's proposed \$85.4 billion acquisition of media powerhouse Time Warner poses any threat to industry competition or consumer prices, AT&T attorney Dan Petrocelli told CNBC.

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# Trump Adds Five Names to List of Potential Supreme Court Justices

## News

President Trump has added five names to his list of potential Supreme Court justices in a move that precedes the possible, but still unannounced, retirement of Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy, reports *USA Today*.

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# Now That FERC Is Back In Action, Will It Keep Pace



# With States on Energy Storage?

## *Insight*

State action is robust, and state regulatory authorities are routinely emerging as thought leaders in energy storage initiatives, according to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius.

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# Another Client Close to Firing Boies After Weinstein Revelations

## *News*

Now even a pro bono client feels compelled to fire David Boies after revelations of the famed litigator's role in attempting to hide Harvey Weinstein's alleged history of sexual harassment and assault.