

# Bar Association Panel Finds Trump's Kentucky Judicial Nominee Unqualified

## *News*

The ABA's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary says Walker "does not presently have the requisite trial or litigation experience or its equivalent."

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# Boeing Has Friends in High Places, Thanks to Its 737 Crash Czar/General Counsel

## *News*

When he was a federal appellate court judge, J. Michael Luttig brought on dozens of promising young clerks who are now spread throughout the judiciary and beyond,

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# Duke Energy Sued for 2014 Coal Ash Spill Environmental

# Harm

## **News**

Duke Energy pleaded guilty to federal environmental crimes in 2015 and agreed to pay \$102 million.

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## **Census Plaintiffs Seek Sanctions Against Trump Administration for Trial 'Fraud'**

**News** The American Civil Liberties Union asked a New York court to grant new discovery into the alleged misconduct.

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## **Trump, Democratic Candidates Lean on Two Biglaw Firms**

## **News**

The two Big Law firms are reprising their roles from 2016 in the latest election cycle, reports Bloomberg Law.

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# Justice Department Lawyer Defends Herself After Viral Video on Child Migrant Treatment

## *News*

A Justice Department lawyer who argued in court that the federal government wasn't legally required to provide soap and toothbrushes to detained migrant children in some conditions is defending herself after video of the exchange went viral, reports NBC News.

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# As Legal Glare Turns to Trump, His Faith in Supreme Court May Be Tested

## *News*

As the focus of some of the major legal challenges shifts from his policies to Trump himself, there could be disappointments in store for him.

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# Fears Nachawati to Represent Maryland's Calvert County in Opioid Lawsuit

## *News*

Dallas-based Fears Nachawati has been retained by the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners in Maryland to pursue a lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors.

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# 24 Tense Cases Over Two Weeks: Chief Justice John Roberts is About to Show His Cards

## *News*

Conflicts over interpretations of the law, and the churning environment of the nation's capital, are no doubt adding to protracted disagreements behind the scenes, speculates CNN.

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# Are Contracting Parties

# Treated the Same When it Comes to Notice Obligations?

## *Insight*

Prudent construction professionals, particularly those doing business with the government, should understand and comply with all notice provisions in their contract, advises Smith, Currie & Hancock.

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# Public Defender Fired After Judge Discovers She Never Passed Bar Exam

## *News*

An assistant public defender in Illinois has been fired after her boss discovered she is not an attorney.

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# U. S. Judge Voices Doubt on Trump Bid to Block House Subpoena for Financial

# Records

## **News**

A federal judge expressed astonishment Tuesday at arguments raised by President Trump's lawyers seeking to block his accounting firm from turning over years of financial records to the House Oversight and Reform Committee, reports *The Washington Post*.

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## **Construction Defect Dispute Governed by Contract Disputes Act Not Yet Suited to Being a 'Suit'**

## **Insight**

The Southern District of California recently held that a series of demands for a general contractor to investigate and repair several construction defects at a U.S. Army facility did not constitute a "suit" within the meaning of the general contractor's commercial general liability policy.

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## **Outcry Over EPA Proposal to**

# Weaken Standards for Cleanup of 'Forever Chemicals'

## *News*

The proposal would lower existing requirements for addressing groundwater contamination at military bases where large amounts of contamination have been documented.

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# Trial to Begin Over Claims Army Corps Knew of Flooding Risk in Wake of Hurricane

## *News*

An estimated 8,000 to 10,000 homes and businesses flooded near government-run dams to the west of Houston in 2017.

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# Miller & Chevalier Adds Government Contracts Lawyer from the Department of the Navy

## *News*

Abigail Stokes joins the firm after almost 10 years as a

first-chair government contracts attorney for the United States Department of the Navy.

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## **Big Law Pay Equity Gets Closer Scrutiny by Small Labor Agency**

### **News**

The Department of Labor recently cautioned law firms that do work with the federal government that it will be closely analyzing how their employment practices affect diversity.

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## **Elon Musk and SEC Make Deal: He'll Have 'Experienced Securities Lawyer' Preapprove His Tweets**

### **News**

Business Insider reports that Musk must "implement mandatory procedures and controls" providing oversight of all of his communications regarding the company "made in any format."



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# May 2 Webinar: Key Issues in Municipal Restructuring

*Webinar, May 2, 2019*

Expert Webcast will present an interactive roundtable discussion municipal restructuring on May 2, 2019.

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# Ford Says Feds Have Opened Criminal Probe Into Its Emissions Certifications

*News*

CNBC is reporting that the Justice Department has launched a criminal investigation in a matter relating to Ford Motor's emissions certification process.