

# State Supreme Courts Increasingly Face Partisan Impeachment Threats

## **News**

Lawmakers' partisan disapproval of rulings appears to be a strong motivator for ousting judges, according to *Governing*.

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# NDA's: Confidentiality and Context in the Workplace

## **Insight**

While threats of enforcement as to the agreement Omarosa Manigault signed while part of the administration have been bantered about, it appears that the legal battle will focus on an NDA she signed while working on the campaign, according to Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel .

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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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## **Michael Best Adds Former White House Deputy Counsel in Washington, D. C.**

### **News**

Stefan Passantino, former White House Deputy Counsel in charge of compliance and ethics oversight, has joined Michael Best & Friedrich LLP.

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## **Senate Confirms Trump 'Not Qualified' Nominee and Obama Pick**

### **News**

The Senate reached a deal Tuesday to swiftly confirm seven federal district court judges, helping President Donald Trump put an enduring stamp on the U.S. judiciary, reports Bloomberg.

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# Decision Chips Away at the Enforceability of Teaming Agreements

## *Insight*

A recent decision from the Virginia Supreme Court further weakens the enforceability of teaming agreements, which may mean trouble for prospective subcontractors, according to an alert from Baker & Hostetler.

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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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# 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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# 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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## 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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## Nashville Attorney Confirmed As General Counsel for Department of Defense

### **News**

Paul Ney currently is the Tennessee chief deputy attorney general.

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## Has the Government 'Waived'

# Goodbye to Strict Compliance with Your Contract Specifications?

## *Insight*

A recent Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals decision confirmed that waiver defenses can defeat government demands for strict compliance with contract requirements, reports Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman.

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# Democrats' Long-Shot Plan to Stop Trump's Supreme Court Pick

## *News*

Democrats plan to frame the process around women's health and the future of legalized abortion, predicts *The Los Angeles Times*.

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# Halliburton Accused by Government of Harassing

# Muslim Workers

## News

The lawsuit continues the agency's crackdown on employer practices or other workplace behaviors that target workers who are Muslim or Sikh, or of Arab, Middle Eastern, or South Asian descent, according to Bloomberg Law.

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# Former ICE General Counsel Heads to Prison for Identity Theft

## News

The former legal adviser to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement bureau was sentenced to 48 months in prison, reports Government Executive.

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# Supreme Court Deals Big Setback to Public Unions

## News

The 5-to-4 decision overturned a 40-year-old precedent and said that compelling such fees was a violation of workers' free speech rights, reports *The Washington Post*.

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# Supreme Court Poised to Rule on Trump Travel Ban, Union Fees, Other Cases

## **News**

The U.S. Supreme Court is heading toward the end of its current term, and remaining cases include the Trump travel ban, union fees, and regulations on Christian-based anti-abortion centers.

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# Federal Suit Claims Systemic Failures to Pursue Rape Cases by Travis County DA, Austin Police

## **News**

Three women have filed a federal class action lawsuit claiming that the Travis County District Attorney's office and the Austin Police Department have violated the constitutional rights of women and discriminated based on gender in the manner in which they handle sexual assault cases.

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# Trump's Lawyer Michael Cohen Expects to Be Arrested Any Day Now: Reports

## *News*

An ex-White House official said that "Trump should be super worried about Michael Cohen" deciding to cooperate with federal prosecutors against the president.