

# \$4M Verdict Over Doctor's Failed Attempts to Insert Catheter

## *News*

West Palm Beach attorneys William D. Zoeller and Michael V. Baxter of Schuler Halvorson Weisser Zoeller Overbeck obtained a \$4 million jury verdict for the family of a 72-year-old man who died after his doctor tried to insert a catheter 14 times—for a procedure the plaintiffs alleged could have waited.

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# “Twisted” Path to New Trial for Dr. Paulus

## *News*

A 2018 Sixth Circuit panel upheld a jury verdict convicting Dr. Richard Paulus of submitting fraudulent medical claims. That same panel, with 2020 hindsight(!), reversed that conviction.

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**Former            Tulare            Hospital**

# Attorney Faces State Bar Complaint

## News

Directors of the Tulare Local Health Care District (TLHCD) voted to file a formal complaint against their former attorney with the California State Bar Association.

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# Department of Justice Uses Travel Act to Prosecute Health Care Fraud

## News

In April 2019, a federal jury found seven defendants associated with the Forest Park Medical Center (FPMC) in Dallas, Texas guilty on charges of conspiring to pay or receive health care bribes.

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# Jury Awards Pharma Whistleblower Over \$760k in Retaliation Case

## News

A federal district court in Massachusetts recently ordered

Minneapolis based Coloplast to pay over \$760,000 to Plaintiff, Amy Lestage, for retaliating against her after she and others filed a whistleblower complaint against the company.

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## **Opioid Settlement Offer Provokes Clash Between States and Cities**

### **News**

The three giant drug distributors are negotiating a deal with the states to end thousands of opioid lawsuits nationwide, in which they would pay \$19.2 billion over 18 years and immediately submit to stringent monitoring requirements to assure that suspicious orders for prescription opioids would be halted.

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**Bradley Secures DOJ Settlement Beneficial to Client Aseracare in Longstanding False Claims Act**

# Matter

## *News*

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP has secured a favorable settlement agreement for its hospice provider client AseraCare with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) over a Qui Tam lawsuit that began in 2008.

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## Perkins Coie Adds Healthcare Partner Zubin Khambatta to Austin Office

## *News*

Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that Zubin Khambatta has joined the firm's Healthcare industry group as a partner in the Austin office.

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## The Rise of Disruptionware and High-Impact Ransomware Attacks

## *Insight*

The FBI's PSA serves as a warning to businesses that they should have a plan in place to respond efficiently and appropriately in the event of high impact ransomware and

disruptionware attacks.

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## Physician Agreements Challenges, Controversy

## Non-Compete Present Potential

### *Insight*

The key question when it comes to physician non-compete provisions is when do such provisions become unreasonable?

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## Physician Understanding Intent

## Contracting: Letters of

### *Insight*

AMA senior attorney Wes Cleveland discusses physicians' letters of intent and when an attorney should be retained during the contracting process.

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# Survey: Workplace Equality, Mental Health and Brexit are Top Concerns of European Employers

## *Insight*

Littler reports the survey found that improving workplace equality is top-of-mind for European employers, and most respondents are moving to address equal pay and workplace harassment.

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# Appellate Justice in Houston Serving With Alzheimer's Disease, Records Show

## *News*

Documents filed in probate court indicate that she received an official diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in October.

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# Tentative Opioid Settlement

**Reached in Ohio With Drug  
Companies**