

# **Littler Names Kathryn Siegel Executive Director of Labor Practice Group**

Littler, the world's largest labor and employment law practice representing management, has appointed Kathryn (Kat) Siegel as the Executive Director of the firm's Labor Practice Group.

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# **Five Littler Attorneys Named to 2026 Best Lawyers in Canada**

Five attorneys from Littler have been featured in the 2026 editions of The Best Lawyers in Canada™ and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Canada™ in Labour and Employment Law.

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# **Littler Adds Veteran Labor Lawyer Dan Mueller to Seattle Office**

Dan Mueller has joined Littler's Labor Practice Group as a shareholder in its Seattle office.

He brings more than 25 years of experience representing employers in complex labor matters, such as high-stakes collective bargaining, unfair labor practice litigation, labor arbitration, and union organizing matters. In the past, He has served as lead counsel in dozens of labor arbitrations, ranging from single-employee discipline and discharge cases to seven-figure contract interpretation disputes. He also previously worked at the National Labor Relations Board as a field attorney.

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## **Daniel Johnson Joins the Littler as a Shareholder in Kansas City**

Littler, the world's largest employment and labor law practice representing management, has added Daniel Johnson as a shareholder in its Kansas City office.

He joins the firm from Ogletree Deakins, bringing significant experience in all aspects of single plaintiff litigation, restrictive covenant issues, and traditional labor matters.

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## **Brandon Rainey Joins Frost**

# **Brown Todd as Partner in San Francisco Office**

Frost Brown Todd (FBT) has added employment defense litigator Brandon Rainey as Partner to its Labor and Employment practice in San Francisco.

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# **Labor and Employment Lawyers Play Musical Chairs; Littler in the Hot Seat**

NewsAmid a flurry of fresh lateral moves among labor and employment lawyers, one of the leading L&E firms is facing a lawsuit tied to hires it made several years ago from an industry group that counts many of its clients as members.

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# **Begley Awarded \$1.8M in Settlement**

NewsAssistant Chief Mark Begley was awarded a \$1.84 million lawsuit settlement against the County of Kaua'i and Kaua'i Police Department.

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# **Biglaw Firm Resolves Pay Bias Claim Over Bonuses Paid at Predecessor Firm**

NewsAfter a routine compliance review by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), Locke Lord LLP voluntarily entered into a conciliation agreement to resolve allegations of pay discrimination at its Providence, Rhode Island, office.

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# **European Employers Expect Long-Term Workplace Changes Post-Pandemic, New Littler Research Finds**

InsightsA survey of more than 750 executives reveals that remote work, employee wellbeing, managing vacation time and workforce reductions are top of mind with European companies

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# Return to Work COVID-19 Testing Considerations

## *News*

As employees increasingly transition back into the physical workplace, employers have begun to grapple with whether and how to deploy COVID-19 diagnostic testing as a return-to-work solution.

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## Baker Donelson Temporarily Cuts Pay, Furloughs Some Employees Because of COVID-19

### *News*

Baker Donelson is imposing temporary pay cuts, reducing partner draws, and furloughing some employees because of the financial impact of the COVID-19 epidemic.

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## EY Lays Off Some U.S. Lawyers Who Came through Pangea3 Acquisition

### *News*

While precise details remain uncertain, reports indicate that

EY has let go some 20-30 lawyers who work for it in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area of Minnesota and the Dallas-Fort Worth area of Texas.

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## **Coinbase Goes on Legal Hiring Binge as Circle Attorneys Depart**

### ***News***

Coinbase Inc., a San Francisco-based digital currency exchange specializing in bitcoin transactions, has gone on an in-house hiring spree.

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## **Laid Off Blackjewel Coal Miners to Get Millions in Back Pay After Train Blockade**

### ***News***

For two months this summer, out-of-work miners blocked a train full of coal from shipping out of an eastern Kentucky mine.

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# Goldman Sachs, Dell Settle Pay Bias Allegations for Millions

## *News*

Goldman Sachs and Dell Technologies will pay a combination of almost \$17 million to settle separate Labor Department allegations of pay bias based on gender and race, reports Bloomberg Law.

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# Never Too Late to Arbitrate? Tips on Getting Your Agreement On

## *Insight*

Three recent court decisions raise a few issues to keep in mind for employers to keep in mind when drafting arbitration agreements for employees.

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# Employers Beware: It's Once Again Time to Review Your

# Arbitration Agreements

## *Insight*

Even if the language in your arbitration agreement does not expressly prohibit the filing of an NLRB charge (or accessing the Board or its processes), you may not be safe from a determination that your agreement is invalid.

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## **In Collective Bargaining Agreement, Longevity Pay Increase Clause Can Outlive Contract**

## *Insight*

The contract included a clause setting “longevity pay increases” for workers who reached certain tenure milestones with the company.

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## **American Airlines Demands Mechanics’ Unions Pay For ‘Enormous Financial Losses’**

# From Flight Delays, Cancellations

## *News*

American Airlines is demanding that the mechanics' unions pay for hundreds of flight delays and cancellations over the last two months.

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# Manufacturers Revisit Mandatory Arbitration Agreements

## *News*

Two recent court decisions dealing with mandatory arbitration agreements highlight why some manufacturers may gain by requiring pre-dispute employment arbitration agreements.