

# **Biglaw Merger Mania Sweeping the Midwest**

NewsDinsmore & Shohl announced a merger with Wooden McLaughlin that became official on January 1. Just last month, megafirm Dentons announced a combination with Iowa law firm Davis Brown.

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# **IRS Fishing Expedition Is Successful and Raises Important Attorney-Client Privilege Concerns**

NewsThe attorney-client privilege is one of the bedrocks of the legal profession.

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# **Biglaw Firm Touts Successful Year, But Doesn't Thank Associates with Special**

# Bonuses

NewsAt Alston & Bird, the year-end bonuses are individualized and tied to hours, not class year, as at most Biglaw firms.

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## Millions in Pandemic Aid Didn't Stop These Firms from Cutting Jobs or Pay

NewsLaw firms rushed to secure government aid early in the coronavirus pandemic, borrowing nearly \$12 billion from the U.S. Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program as their revenues were threatened by court closures and a freeze in corporate deals.

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## Am Law 50 Firm Offers Market-Busting Bonuses on Top of Bonuses on Top of Bonuses

NewsOrrick – a firm that brought in \$1,158,537,000 in 2019 gross revenue, placing in at No. 31 in the most recent Am Law 100 rankings – is offering market-busting bonuses to associates this year.

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# **Disbarred Lawyer Arrested for Defrauding Clients out of \$700K**

NewsA former lawyer faces multiple charges of theft and fraud after investigators say he stole about \$700K from clients over a period of three years.

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# **5 Trends That Will Shape Legal Practices in 2021**

NewsAs law firms position themselves to succeed in 2021 and beyond, understanding and leveraging distinct trends will help firms become more efficient, productive and competitive in the coming year.

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# **Company Lawyers Dealt with Covid-19's Effect on**

# **Businesses and Wider Communities.**

NewsIn a tumultuous year defined by the Covid-19 pandemic and social justice movements, in-house legal teams have been relied on by their businesses to support employees, their organisations and the wider community.

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## **Biglaw Firm Offers \$20,000 Bonus For New Associates Who Don't Even Work There Yet**

NewsBoies Schiller & Flexner announced bank breaking bonuses, but they aren't done spreading the good news.

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## **Des Moines' Davis Brown Law Firm Combining with Dentons**

NewsDavis Brown Law Firm, one of Iowa's largest law firms, is combining with Dentons, which bills itself as the world's largest firm.

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# **Biglaw Firm to Hand Out Year-End AND Special Bonuses – If Associates Bill Enough**

NewsOn Friday, Kramer Levin announced year-end bonuses that match the prevailing market rate.

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# **Billion-Dollar Biglaw Firm to Make True-Up Payments for Cut Salary**

NewsDespite \$1,035,000,000 in gross revenue last year Squire Patton Boggs instituted COVID-19 austerity measures.

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# **Dickinson Wright Expands to Chicago Via Acquisition**

NewsDetroit-based Dickinson Wright is opening a Chicago office in the new year through the acquisition of Stahl Cowen Crowley Addis.

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# **Geoffrey S. Berman Joins Fried Frank to Lead Fried Frank's White Collar Practice**

NewsFried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP announced today that Geoffrey S. Berman, former US Attorney for the Southern District of New York (SDNY), has joined as head of the White Collar Defense, Regulatory Enforcement & Investigations Practice and member of the Firm's Governance Committee.

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# **These 7 Larger Law Firms Got the \$10M Maximum in Coronavirus Pandemic Loans**

NewsSeven of the nation's 200 top-grossing law firms received the maximum \$10 million loan in the paycheck protection program.

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# **Davis Polk Comes Out On Top As 2020's Biglaw Bonus Champion**

NewsDavis Polk really raised the bar on special bonuses, offering associates up to \$40,000 based on class year in recognition of their hard work throughout the pandemic.

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# **14 Lawyers Disciplined on December List**

NewsThe State Bar of Texas announced attorney discipline sanctions against 14 Texas attorneys on its December list.

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# **Top 25 Am Law Firm Hands Out Up to Six-Figure Bonuses for Associates – But People Are Still Mad**

NewsPaul Hastings just announced its year-end bonuses, and of course the firm is including special bonuses. No firm as highly ranked and regarded would want to offer associates below-market compensation.

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# **‘Copyright Troll’ Richard Liebowitz Suspended from Manhattan Federal Court**

NewsThe grievance committee for the Southern District of New York has suspended Richard Liebowitz, a New York lawyer notorious for filing low-value copyright cases on behalf of photographers, from practicing law while it investigates charges against him.

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# **Cooley Remains #1 Most Active Global Firm for Deals**

NewsPitchBook has again ranked Cooley as the #1 most active global law firm for all deals in its Q3 2020 Global League Tables – marking the second consecutive quarter Cooley has earned the top spot.