

# **Billion-Dollar Am Law 50 Firm Walks Back Its COVID-19 Salary Reductions**

## ***News***

The latest firm to roll back salary reductions is K&L Gates, another member of the billion-dollar club that placed 39th in the Am Law 100, with \$1,026,626,000 in 2019 gross revenue.

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# **Attorney Fieger Sued for Discriminating Against Mother of Sick Child**

## ***News***

Attorney Geoffrey Fieger, one of Michigan's most prominent lawyers, refused to let one of his employees work from home to care for her sick child during the coronavirus pandemic, according to a new lawsuit.

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# **Former Reed Smith Lawyer Sues Law Firm for Alleged**

# Discrimination After Receiving Concussion

## *News*

A lawsuit has accused Reed Smith of wrongly firing a lawyer after a 'discriminatory chain of perceptions and events' stemming from a concussion that the lawyer received while on vacation.

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# BigLaw Firm Sued Over \$3M Wire Transfer to Fraudster's Account

## *News*

Holland & Knight is facing a lawsuit alleging that it failed to prevent the transfer of more than \$3 million to a fraudster's account in Hong Kong.

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# Amazon, Google Tap Big Law to Bolster In-House Ranks

## *News*

Amazon.com Inc. and Alphabet Inc.'s Google LLC have hired a pair of public policy experts to expand their antitrust and energy capabilities.

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# Law Grads Have Had Job Offers Rescinded at 49% of Surveyed Law Schools

## *News*

Law grads have had employment offers rescinded at 49% of the law schools surveyed by the National Association for Law Placement.

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# Am Law 50 Firm To Lay Off Lawyers And Staff, Close Office

## *News*

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner co-chairs Steve Baumer and Lisa Mayhew sent a firmwide email letting everyone know that it will be laying off attorneys and staff as a result of the coronavirus crisis.

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# Many Public Defenders in Indiana Getting Compensated Less Than Minimum Wage

## *News*

Many attorneys doing public defender work do so under contract with counties – meaning they get paid a flat amount, regardless of the number of hours they work. And that's the primary method of public defense in about a third of Indiana.

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# Hughes Hubbard Lays Off Lawyers, Staffers After Receiving Paycheck Protection Loan

## *News*

Hughes Hubbard & Reed has laid off some associates and staff members after receiving a paycheck protection loan from the federal government.

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# Biglaw Firms Complete Big-

# Money Merger During Pandemic

## *News*

Philadelphia-based Pepper Hamilton and Atlanta-based Troutman Sanders have finally completed their merger to create Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders.

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# New Lawsuit Accuses DLA Piper Of 'Strident Double-Dealing'

## *News*

A new lawsuit filed in Kansas state court by propane supply company Ferrellgas Partners, an ex-client of Biglaw firm DLA Piper, alleges the firm engaged in 'strident double-dealing' that was only revealed when the wrong invoice was mistakenly sent to Ferrellgas.

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# Calls for Investigation into Arrests of Legal Observers at Las Vegas Strip Protest

## *News*

Gov. Steve Sisolak on Sunday called for an investigation into the arrests of several legal observers at a protest against police brutality this weekend on the Strip.

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# Court Grants Judgment for TCPA Lawyer in Suit by Aggrieved Consumer

## *News*

The Law Offices of Jeffrey Lohman has faced some significant setbacks in litigation with Navient purporting that Lohman's office set up TCPA lawsuits in violation of RICO.

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# 2 More Law Firms Announce Pay Cuts; Are They a Stopgap Measure Before Layoffs?

## *News*

Two more law firms announced pay cuts in the past week, marking a third slow week of bad news.

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# Yelp Review Leads to N.J.

# Lawyer's Suspension Where Client Info was not "Generally Known"

## *News*

Just because information relating to your representation of a client might be publicly available, your duty of confidentiality means that you can't disclose it if it is not 'generally known.'

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# Biglaw Firm Late on Rent – to the Tune of \$3.7 Million – According to Landlord

## *News*

Jenner & Block is behind on its rent for the firm's Chicago office. The firm owes \$3,726,415.74, plus late fees and interest.

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# Lawyers Who Asked for Fees 40x the Settlement they

# Negotiated Deal Dealt \$280K Blow

## *News*

The California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District issued its ruling on May 21 in a blow to lawyers who claimed to spend more than 800 hours on the lawsuit and initially requested close to \$600,000 in fees and expenses.

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# Why This Lawyer Increased His Fees During the COVID-19 Pandemic

## *News*

Lawyer, Robert Theofanis launched his estate planning practice in mid-2019. His “plan was to start off with below-average fees and by the end of the first year increase them to the high end of the market.

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# Law Firm Fires Employee After ‘Threatening’ Post About his Gun, COVID-19 Mask



# Requirements

## *News*

A Dallas law firm fired an employee after he wrote in a Facebook post that lambasted businesses that require customers to wear masks during the COVID-19 pandemic and made references to firearms and ammunition.

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# The Bigger the Better? Understanding the Biglaw Salary Scale

## *News*

The Cravath Scale, an offshoot of the Cravath system, is named after Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, the firm which is generally considered the authority on setting associate salaries.