

# Two BigLaw Firms Vote to Combine, Creating 1,100-Lawyer Entity

## *News*

Troutman Sanders and Pepper Hamilton will become one firm on April 1.

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# Suit Claims Biglaw Firm Took Over Corporate Client's Finances and Took Advantage of Its Impaired CEO

## *News*

The suit, filed in state court in New York, says Akin Gump took over finances and bookkeeping for Future Media Architects, a family-owned company.

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# Sullivan & Cromwell Sued for Malpractice by Ex-Skadden

# Attorney

## *News*

The plaintiff, Andrew Delaney, claims that Sullivan & Cromwell acted “unlawfully” and “unethically” in the international arbitration matter.

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## **Eighth Circuit Rejects Claim That Arbitration Clause in Retainer Was Unconscionable**

## *News*

The Eight Circuit has rejected a plaintiff’s claim that an arbitration clause in a retainer agreement she signed with a law firm was unconscionable, according to Carlton Fields.

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## **Biglaw Partner Who Said She Worked 3,173 Billable Hours is Suspended for Overbilling**

## *News*

Doreen Zankowski conceded to a hearing committee that “her billing practices were inadequate, careless, rushed and error-prone.”

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# Forecast Sees Robust 2020 for Law Firms, But Sees Reason for Caution

## *Bews*

Citi projects that 2020 top-line growth for the industry will be in the range of between 5 to 6 percent, , with profit per equity partner growth in the mid-single-digit range.

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# NYC Litigation Boutique Sued for 'Absurd' Fees

## *News*

Plaintiffs claim the firm charged "almost \$1.9 million over a three year period, without engaging in any discovery, or document collection, whatsoever."

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# Little Launches Nonbinary Gender Inclusiveness and

# Identification Initiative

## *News*

Little has launched an initiative to advance nonbinary gender inclusiveness within the firm.

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# Firm Beats the BigLaw Bonus Scale for All Associates

## *News*

This is the fourth time the firm has beaten the market on bonuses since it opened four years ago.

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# Sanctions Motion By BigLaw Firm Alleges Plaintiffs Made Up Pay-Bias Claims 'Out of Whole Cloth'

## *News*

The firm alleges in the sanctions motion that the plaintiffs made up the lawsuit's pay-bias claims and seeks their dismissal.

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# The Best Biglaw Firms – According To General Counsel

## *News*

The BTI Consulting survey report lists the 30 Biglaw firms that were mentioned most often across all categories.

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# Law Firms Face \$500M Lawsuit in Fallout of Ponzi Fraudster's Conviction

## *News*

Nine law firms face civil claims they aided and abetted a multimillion-dollar securities scam run by convicted fraudster Robert Shapiro.

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# Law Firm Partner Forced to Retire Not Protected by Age

# Bias Law

## *News*

In a case of first impression, the Eighth Circuit ruled that a law firm's mandatory partner retirement policy doesn't violate the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

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## **Biglaw Firm Announces 'Significant Expansion' Of Benefits Offerings**

## *News*

The new policy gives lawyers up to 18 weeks paid parental leave, while staff will be eligible to take at least 12 weeks.

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## **Ohio Attorney Suspended for Helping Clients Evade Taxes**

## *News*

The Ohio Supreme Court found that actions of Gregory Thomas Plesich violated professional ethics rules prohibiting lawyers from helping clients break the law.

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# Biglaw Firm in the Midst of Massive Partner Defections

## *News*

The firm lost a total of 96 partners, while only picking up 32 since December 2018.

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# How to Recycle Your Best Content to Market Your Law Practice

## *Insight*

Recycling your best content can save you time and effort and give you valuable material that you can use for months or even years.

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# Here's How Much Money Lawyers Make in Every State

## *News*

The average lawyer salary in California, \$171,550, is about double the salary in Montana, which is \$88,600.

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**Biglaw Firm Delights With Up to \$40,000 Extra in Bonus Money for Big Billers**