Breaking Up with Biglaw

Law Firm ManagementI used to look out at the Hudson from the window of my beautiful office at a Biglaw firm in Manhattan and pinch myself, not believing that I had made it. As a young associate, I had a passion

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Top Biglaw Firm Finally Matches Cravath, Announces Its 2022 Bonus Scale

Law Firm ManagementThis may sound hard to believe, but some Biglaw firms are still matching Cravath. We're not talking about Am Law 200 firms here; we're talking about worldwide heavy hitters ranked near the

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Female Representation In Biglaw Partnerships – A Long Way to Go

Law Firm ManagementDisproportionate attrition of female attorneys in Biglaw is hardly a new problem. As a 2019 ABA and ALM report on the issue noted, entering associate classes have been comprised of

Biglaw Business is Booming Obviously, It’s Time to Talk About Layoffs

Law Firm ManagementThe Am Law 100 was recently announced, ranking the top Biglaw firms by 2021 gross revenue. And it was a banger year in Biglaw. Every single Am Law 100 firm saw and increase in revenue

Big Law’s Brass Ring Remains Elusive, Even as Firms Rake in Cash

Law Firm ManagementIn November, I wrote that Big Law firms could use the surging value of their equity shares to check off one of their most pressing tasks: retaining talent. All they’d have to do is hand out

Top Biglaw Firm Returns to

the Office with Mandatory Tuesday-Thursday Attendance

Law Firm ManagementDavis Polk announced its new return to office policy late last week. As the whole Biglaw world waits to see which reopening plan becomes the new normal, DPW adopted an approach that

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The Wolf of Biglaw

Law Firm ManagementIf you’re looking for a high-powered, take-no-prisoners law firm straight out of central casting, they don’t come bigger or badder than Kirkland & Ellis. The firm unquestionably enjoys a

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These Are the Biglaw Firms Racking Up the Lateral Partners

Law Firm ManagementThe Biglaw lateral market continues to be fire. And, as Above the Law has documented, that’s resulted in all manner of repercussions, But while a lot of these trends are focused around

Big Law Attorneys Share Why Mentoring Matters: Part Three

Law Firm ManagementIn the third part of our Why Mentoring Matters series, two female partners at large law firms write about their personal journeys and how mentoring or being mentored has played

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One Way to Get Senior Associates to Lateral Biglaw Firms? Offer them Partnership

Law Firm ManagementWe already know that Biglaw is super busy and there really aren’t enough qualified lawyers out there to handle all of the work. That has led to intense competition for qualified associates

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Biglaw Firm’s Plan to Slash Office Space by 20 Percent

Law Firm ManagementDuane Morris chief executive officer Matthew Taylor said the firm is planning on cutting its office

space by a whopping 20 percent over the next five years. And they’re in a great position

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Top 20 Biglaw Firm Matches Salaries that Go Up to $415K

Law Firm ManagementThe 2022 salary wars seem to be winding down, but there are still dozens of firms that have yet to make a move that we know of when it comes to compensation. The key phrase there was that

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Big Law Attorneys Share Why Mentoring Matters

Law Firm ManagementStarting as a new associate at a law firm marks the exciting beginning of a dreamed-for legal career. But for many—especially women, minorities, or first-generation attorneys walking through

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Pact’s Experts Discuss Why

ESG Matters and Partnering for Positive Impact

Law Firm ManagementRoger-Mark De Souza is Pact’s Vice President for Sustainable Markets. Over his more than 20-year career, De Souza has built social, economic, health and environmental justice and

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Big Law’s SPAC Love Affair Draws Watchful Eye of Regulators

Law Firm ManagementThis is an uncertain time for Big Law practices that piled into the SPAC craze in the past two years. Special purpose acquisition companies, which are alternatives to initial public offerings

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Biden’s Granddaughter, A D.C. Biglaw Associate, To Marry T14 Law School Grad at White

House

Law Firm ManagementLove will be in the air in the nation’s capital this coming fall, when Naomi Biden, an associate at Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer, marries her longtime boyfriend. Biden, of course, is grand

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Ukraine Government Taps Big Law Firms for War Crimes Task Force

Law Firm ManagementThe Ukraine government has turned to global law firms Covington & Burling and Withers, along with human rights lawyer Amal Clooney, to help prosecute war crimes in the Russian

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Associate Tells Biglaw to Buzz Off So He Can Start New Career as Beekeeper

Law Firm ManagementThe pandemic brought more to Biglaw than just record revenues it also inspired some associates to find their true calling outside of the law. If you’ve been dreaming about escaping from

Big Money for Associates At this Biglaw Firm

Law Firm ManagementBiglaw firms seemed to have cracked the code on what it takes these days to be considered as a member of the elite, and as it turns out, the secret isn’t really that secret. A Cravath salary

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Big Law’s Pay War is Dangerous Game for Firms Posing as Elite

Law Firm ManagementAn ongoing pay war is making lawyers at some of the top firms in the world more money than ever before. It’s also exposing a growing fault line between the richest firms and everyone