Firms Match Biglaw Associate Bonuses, But One Firm Raises the Bar

News

Above the Law has put together a collection of reports on Biglaw's generosity for associates, with firm after firm matching Cravath's season-end scale of $100,000 for top associates.

N.Y. Lawyer Gives Up License Over Commingled Client Funds

News

Bloomberg Law reports that a New York lawyer who commingled his own funds with client funds in his personal bank account will no longer be practicing law.

E-Discovery Day Observance Set for December 4

News

This one-day industry-wide, vendor-neutral celebration, will feature an all-star lineup of complimentary in-person events and online webcasts.

Houston Appellate Lawyer J. Stephen Barrick Named Partner at Hicks Thomas

News

Texas-based litigation boutique Hicks Thomas LLP announced that Houston appellate specialist and trial lawyer J. Stephen Barrick has been named a partner in the firm.

Former Dewey CFO Released From Jail After His Current Firm Pays His $1M Fine

News

Joel Sanders was convicted for misleading lenders and bond buyers about the firm’s finances before its 2012 collapse.

Legal Departments Sending

Less Cash to Big Law, Survey Says

News

Bloomberg Law is reporting that corporate law departments are spending more, but less of that that money is landing in Big Law coffers, according to a new survey.

Be Unique for Better Law Firm Marketing

Insight

When your marketing efforts are met with obstacles based on time, money or other factors, one of the best and most-underutilized ways to make sure you are seen and heard is to be unique, advises Bruce Vincent of Muse Communications.

Biglaw Widow Says Firm Bears Some of the Blame for Husband's Suicide

News

The widow of Sidley Austin partner Gabe MacConaill has some harsh words for the stress that her husband endured while working at the firm before he took his own life with a self-

inflicted gunshot in October.

Law Firm Associate Signing Bonuses Take a Dive, Recruiter Finds

News

Special Counsel found that the average signing bonus this year so far is about $17,000, Bloomberg Law reports.

Suit Claims Competitors Lured Away Legal Clients With Payments From ‘Briefcase Full of Cash’

News

The *ABA Journal* reports that a $30 million lawsuit alleges a personal injury firm had its clients stolen by two competitors who sent case runners to a pain clinic where they enticed the patients to switch firms.

New Survey Rates Big Law Policies to Build Gender Equality

News

A new survey aims to move forward the conversation about equality in Biglaw by examining which firms are taking key steps to close persistent gender gaps.

New Law Firm Study: 4 Tips for Maximizing Value from Law Firms

Insight

Exterro has published its 2018 Law Firm Benchmarking Report, in which more than 100 law firm professionals supplied advice and tips for getting more out of a law firm.

LinkedIn is Boring – But Lawyers Should Be There

Anyway

Insight

LinkedIn is the least popular of all the big social media channels, but it’s still considered a must for companies looking for business and individuals looking for work, writes Amy Boardman Hunt for Muse Communications.

Access to Law Firm Data ‘Just Too Easy,’ Worrying Clients

News

General counsels’ offices have been expressing renewed concern about whether even the biggest law firms are adequately protecting highly sensitive data.

Paul Hastings Faces Malpractice Claims Over Cleanup Advice

News

A California appellate court has given Tokai Intl. Holdings Inc. the go-ahead to proceed with cleanup cost-related malpractice claims against law firm Paul Hastings LLP, according to a Bloomberg Law report.

Foley & Lardner Hit With Cybersecurity Incident

News

Foley & Lardner LLP experienced a cybersecurity incident earlier this month, but said there was “no unauthorized access to client data.”

Biglaw Firm Settles Racial Discrimination Lawsuit That Alleged Attorney Called Assistant ‘Our Slave’

News

Above the Law reports that the Biglaw firm of Drinker Biddle & Reath has settled a racial discrimination case filed against them earlier this year.

Taking Your Legal Marketing

into Your Own Hands

Insight

Amy Boardman Hunt of Muse Communications offers some advice for any attorney who is looking to take their marketing matters into their own hands.

Vexed by Budget Uncertainty? When – and How – to Use Fixed Fees

Insight

Lurking in every legal department budget is a giant uncertainty: the outside counsel spend, warns a post on the website of Xakia.

Former Foley & Lardner Partner Suspended for Falsifying Documents in IRS Audit of Wealthy Clients

News

A former Foley & Lardner partner was suspended two years by the state Supreme Court for lying to the IRS during an audit

of two wealthy estates connected to a major area business, reports the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.