Dead Law Firm’s Estate Can’t Collect Fees, California Court Says

News

The bankrupt law firm’s estate brought suit against 49 law firms to recover millions of dollars it said were owed from legal work that the firm’s former partners had taken with them.

Biglaw Firm Could Pay $1.4 Million After Malpractice Verdict

News

The jury awarded up to $1.1 million in fees and expenses, which Alston & Bird could be required to cover in full, according to Above the Law.

Indemnification Clauses and Defining the Relationship

Insight

As an attorney-client relationship comes with a number of

privileges and obligations, understanding when that relationship comes into being is crucial, cautions Robert J. Glowacki Jr. of Poyner Spruill.

How Solid Are Your Harassment Training Programs?

Insight

Employers are finding that generic harassment policies with one-size-fits-all instructional videos are not addressing key issues, says Audrey Mross, employment partner at Munck Wilson Mandala.

Memo to Law Firms: Raise Cybersecurity Bar or Risk Client Losses

News

Cybersecurity protections are becoming a serious factor in client decision-making at law firms, and large firms stand to lose business if they don’t take care of cybersecurity.

How Blockchain Technology Is Transforming the Legal Industry

Insight

A Bloomberg Law discusses the increased efficiency and uniformity blockchain can provide in contracting, its used in other legal documents, the skills and role of lawyers in blockchain, and the challenges ahead for the technology.

BigLaw Business Development Secrets for Small Firms

Insight

The Director of Business Development at Andrews Kurth Kenyon offers some detailed advice on making relationships work and discusses some approaches to help develop new business.

Under Pressure, Akin Gump Gives First-Year Associates a Bonus

News

Just goes to show, if you’re unhappy about something at your

firm, perhaps some pointed criticism is the way to go, suggests Above the Law.

Texas Law Firm Jackson Walker Elects 6 New Partners

News

Jackson Walker has elected six attorneys to partnership in offices in Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.

Jones Day Extends Its Lead for Strongest Law Firm Brand

News

Even though Skadden strengthened its brand this year, Jones Day has seen a larger gain and increased its lead on the market, according to Acritas.

Webinar: How Clients Choose

Lawyers According to the Legal Trends Report

Webinar, Thursday, Feb. 15, 1 p.m. EST

What matters most to clients in choosing a lawyer is responsiveness and preferable communication and payment methods, according to the 2017 Legal Trends Report.

David Spector Assumes Role as Akerman Chairman and CEO

News

Akerman LLP announced David I. Spector has commenced his three-year term as the firm's ninth chairman and CEO, effective Feb. 1, 2018.

Getting Past the 'Ick' Factor in Legal Marketing

Insight

Lawyers didn't go to law school to be business people or sales people. They went to school to be thinkers, advocates and counselors.

New Research Report: Global Trends in Hiring Outside Counsel

Insight

The Globality report has information on the latest industry viewpoint about hiring outside counsel, That information was gathered from more than 300 GCs from organizations with more than $1 billion in revenue.

AZA Adds Six Litigators to Trial Team

News

Houston-based Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing has added six litigators to its trial, the firm announced.

Study: Companies Want Smaller Firms, But Have Trouble

Finding Them

News

Large companies increasingly want to work with smaller, more innovative law firms but have trouble finding them due to over-reliance on personal connections, according to a new survey reported by Courthouse News Service.

Houston Firm is Now Wright Close & Barger With New Name Partner

News

Appellate and civil litigation law firm Wright & Close LLP has changed its name to Wright Close & Barger LLP, adding the name of partner Jessica Zavadil Barger.

Biglaw Firm Hit With $300 Million Gender Discrimination Lawsuit

News

Ogletree, Deakins nonequity shareholder Dawn Knepper has hit her employer with a $300 million purported class-action suit alleging gender discrimination and unequal pay, reports Above

theLaw.

Legal Blogging for Business Development

Insight

Blogging is also an excellent way for solos and small firm lawyers with niche practices to spur business development and raise their profile in a competitive marketplace, according to Muse Communications.

Trump’s Effort to Stop Publication of Scathing Book is a Break in Precedent

News

Inn aDouglas Brinkley, a presidential historian at Rice University, likened Trump’s actions this week to those of Richard M. Nixon, reports Slate.