

# Law Firm Sues Woman After She Posts Negative Reviews on Facebook, Yelp

## **News**

Lan Cai, who had been injured in a serious auto accident, says the lawyers in the Law Offices of Tuan A. Khuu and Associates failed to work with her after she hired them, so she vented her frustration online which spurred the law firm to sue her, the *Houston Chronicle* reports.

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# Firms Merge to Form Dallas-Based Loewinsohn Flegle Deary Simon

## **News**

The firms of Loewinsohn Flegle Deary LLP and Simon, Ray & Winikka LLP have merged to become Dallas-based Loewinsohn Flegle Deary Simon.

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# Dallas-Based Trial Law Firm

# Deans & Lyons Expands to Houston

## *News*

Dallas-based trial law firm Deans & Lyons, LLP, is expanding its Texas footprint with the addition of five prominent trial attorneys in the firm's newly opened Houston office.

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# Parsons McEntire McCleary & Clark PLLC Launched

## *News*

Parsons McEntire McCleary & Clark PLLC announces the opening of a new law practice focused upon trials, arbitrations, appeals, and dispute resolution.

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# Maynard Cooper & Gale Names New Chairman and Chief Strategy Officer

## *News*

Birmingham, Alabama-based Maynard Cooper & Gale, P.C. announces that the firm has elected veteran leader Greg Curran as chairman of the firm.

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# **Webinar: Leveraging Innovation to Streamline Attorney Workflow**

***Event, August 3, 1 p.m. EDT***

Practical Law will present a complimentary webinar on the use of Practice Point to incorporating new technologies into legal practice

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# **Silicon Valley Star Gets Caught Up In One of the Nastiest Startup Lawsuits Ever**

***News***

One of the founders of futuristic transportation start-up Hyperloop One has filed a wrongful termination suit against his former co-founder, alleging nepotism and harassment, CNN is reporting.

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# AZA Adds to Intellectual Property Victories and Honors

## **News**

Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing P.C. has been named best in class in patent litigation by *Intellectual Asset Management Patent Survey* in 2015 and again in 2016 and was named one of the 10 largest IP firms in Houston in 2016 by the *Houston Business Journal*.

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# Gardere Appoints Michael Drankoski as New Executive Director

## **News**

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP announced that Michael Drankoski has been named the firm's new executive director, effective immediately. He will replace Judy Vetkoetter upon her retirement from Gardere later this year.

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# Quarles & Brady Announces First Managing Partner

# Transition

## *News*

Quarles & Brady LLP has announced that Daniel G. Radler will become the firm's managing partner, succeeding Fredrick G. Lautz.

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# Mitratach Extends e-Billing Platform to eCounsel

## *News*

Mitratach, a provider of Enterprise Legal Management (ELM) solutions, announces the latest release of eCounsel, the company's first major software release since the acquisition of Bridgeway in the fall of 2015.

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# Time to Update Your Client Arbitration Agreements

## *Insight*

The failure to incorporate new standards into fee agreements means not only that non-conforming provisions will be deemed unenforceable, writes Edward F. Donohue III of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

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# Associate Salary Tally: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly

## *News*

About 107 law firms have issued raises to their associates after the initial big salary hike announced by Cravath, Swaine & Moore almost a month ago, reports Above the Law editor Joe Patrice in a transcribed interview with Casey Sullivan on Bloomberg Law.

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# Biglaw Billing News Spells Opportunity for Others

## *Insight*

With the many tools available today, smaller providers of legal services have the capacity to present (in both appearance and reality) truly viable alternatives to their elite competition.

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# Allstate Joins In-House Furor

# Over Associate Raises

## **News**

Allstate's general counsel warns of the potential for the salary increases to be more than a law firm's cost structure can handle, leading to the costs getting passed on to clients, reports Sara Randazzo of *The Wall Street Journal*.

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# Law Firms are Already Inside Some US Wal-Marts

## **News**

Evan Kaine, a personal injury attorney in Atlanta, wanted to offer his firm's services to the 80 percent of all low-income Americans who have unmet civil legal needs, so he opened offices in local Wal-Mart stores, according to a report in the *ABA Journal*.

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# The Cravath Pay Raise: Challenges and Opportunities for Law Firms

## **Insight**

As power has shifted to buyers of legal services and the options for legal service delivery have expanded, the idea

that firms will be able to shift some or all of the cost of associate compensation to rate increases seems almost inconceivable, writes Stephen Poor, chair emeritus of Seyfarth Shaw.

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## **What Do – And Should – In-House Lawyers Think About The Biglaw Pay Raises?**

### ***Article***

“If firms try to pass too much of their increased overhead on to clients, the clients will balk – and in this day and age, with competition from great boutiques and alternative legal services providers, clients have significant leverage,” writes David Lat of Above the Law.

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## **Joe Kernen Named DLA Piper Managing Partner in Philadelphia; Nancy Rappaport Litigation Chair**

### ***News***

DLA Piper announced today that Joe Kernen has been named managing partner of the firm’s Philadelphia’s office and Nancy

Rappaport chair of the office Litigation practice.

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# **Quarles & Brady Moves Washington, D.C. Office Location**

## ***News***

Quarles & Brady LLP has announced that the firm's Washington, D.C. office has a new location. The firm is now located at 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20006.