

Wells Fargo and USAA to Settle \$300M Litigation

NewsWells Fargo has reached a settlement in a pair of lawsuits brought by the US Automobile Association (USAA), after two juries found the bank liable for patent infringement.

District Attorney Accused of Dropped-Charges Bribery, Lying About Fantasy Statements

NewsAttorney General Chris Carr announced that the office's Prosecution Division has indicted Paulding County District Attorney Donald Richard 'Dick' Donovan on four felony charges: Bribery, False Swearing and Violation of Oath by Public Officer.

Humana Agrees to a \$12.5M Settlement to Resolve

Allegations of Anti-Kickback Violations

NewsThe first of its kind FCA case involves Roche and Medicare Advantage insurer Humana.

Ex-Public Defender in Jacksonville, Faces Suspension From Law Practice for 6 Months

NewsJacksonville's former public defender may lose his right to practice law for the next six months after filing a voluntary guilty plea for ethics violations committed when he held the job.

Humana and Roche Settle False Claims Act Lawsuit for \$12.5M

NewsRoche and Humana have agreed to settle a False Claims Act lawsuit brought by a whistleblower relator on behalf of the United States. Defendants will pay \$12.5 million to settle the government's claims.

McKinsey to Pay \$573M to Settle Role in Opioid Crisis

NewsGlobal consultancy firm McKinsey & Company has agreed to pay \$573 to settle claims by more than 40 US states related to its role in the nation's opioid epidemic.

Amazon Will Pay \$61.7M to Settle Claims that They Withheld Tips from Delivery Drivers

NewsAmazon will pay \$61.7 million to settle allegations by the Federal Trade Commission that it failed to pay Flex delivery drivers the full amount of tips received from customers.

Tech Industry Litigation – A COVID-19 Year in Review

NewsAs the COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc on businesses across the country, several companies have thrived

during the pandemic in areas such as the gig economy, work from home and e-commerce, entertainment, and social media.

Judge Sanctions Lawyer and Client \$150K, Citing 'Mountain Of Evasiveness' and 'Outright Lies'

NewsA Texas judge has ordered a Houston-area lawyer and his client to be jointly sanctioned \$150,000 for the client's 'outright lies' in litigation and 'a mountain of evasiveness' in discovery.

Socal Edison Reaches \$2.2B Settlement For Woolsey Fire

NewsSouthern California Edison will pay \$2.2 billion to settle insurance claims for the Woolsey fire that tore through Malibu in 2018.

Fourth Circuit Refuses to Reduce Record-Breaking \$32.7M Asbestos Verdict

NewsThe \$32.7 million verdict in Finch is reportedly the largest single-plaintiff verdict and the largest mesothelioma-related verdict in North Carolina history.

Court Upholds \$1B Copyright Ruling Against ISP Cox

NewsInternet service provider (ISP) Cox Communications' attempt to reduce a \$1 billion award of damages for copyright infringement has failed, in a win for music companies including Sony, Universal, and Warner.

Apple Fails to Overturn VirnetX Patent Verdict, Could Owe Over \$1.1B

NewsA federal judge denied Apple Inc's bid to set aside or reduce a \$502.8 million patent infringement verdict favoring VirnetX Holding Corp, and awarded interest and royalties that could boost Apple's total payout in two lawsuits above \$1.1

billion.

Pilgrim's Pride Settles Price-Fixing Lawsuit for \$75M

NewsTyson Foods separately struck an agreement to settle with the group of chicken buyers to settle price-fixing claims, but did not disclose the amount .

2021 Corporate Compliance & Litigation Outlook for Manufacturers

NewsIn late 2012, we created the Manufacturing Law Blog with the goal of providing our manufacturing clients with a holistic approach to the unique issues facing manufacturers that operate globally.

Boeing To Pay \$2.5 Billion

Settlement Over Deadly 737 Max Crashes

NewsBoeing will pay more than \$2.5 billion to settle a criminal charge related to the two 737 Max plane crashes in 2018 and 2019 that killed 346 people.

After Top Staff Exodus, Texas AG Seeks \$43M for Google Suit

NewsThe mass exodus of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's top staff over accusations of bribery against their former boss has left the Republican seeking \$43 million in public funds to replace some of them with outside lawyers to lead a high-profile antitrust lawsuit against Google.

NY Jewelry Wholesaler Pleads Guilty in \$200M Ponzi Scheme Targeting Police, Firefighters

NewsA suburban New York jewelry wholesaler pleaded guilty on Wednesday to fraud for running a \$200 million Ponzi scheme targeting current and retired police officers and firefighters

who were promised big profits from the resale of jewelry.

Receiver Settles \$8M Case with Lawyers Close to Stenger in EB-5 Fraud Case

NewsAfter nearly three years of legal wrangling, 23 foreign investors in the scandal-plagued Jay Peak projects have settled with their former immigration attorneys, Carroll & Scribner.

Acrobats Hurt in Circus Accident Reach \$52.5M Settlement

NewsEight acrobats severely injured when the rigging suspending them by their hair plummeted to the floor during a circus performance in Rhode Island in 2014 have reached a \$52.5 million settlement with the ownership and management of the arena where the circus was held.