Facebook Should be Broken up, FTC and States Allege in Pair of Lawsuits

NewsFacebook’s purchases of photo service Instagram and messaging app WhatsApp have helped fuel the social media giant’s massive growth.

Veteran, Young Lawyers Win $20M Jury Verdict in Unique Case Tried Amid Pandemic

NewsDespite their collective years of practice, a recent case tried by four plaintiff lawyers was in some ways a unique experience.

Hyundai, Kia Agree to $210M U.S. Auto Safety Civil Penalty

NewsHyundai Motor Co and Kia Motors’ U.S. units on Friday agreed to a record $210 million civil penalty after U.S. auto safety regulators said they failed to recall 1.6 million

vehicles for engine issues in a timely fashion.

Judge’s Threat to Add Lawyer to Pro Bono List Could be Seen as Punitive, 6th Circuit Says

NewsA federal appeals court has concluded that a federal judge’s comments about a lawyer for a bias plaintiff were ‘within the bounds of what imperfect men and women, even after having been confirmed as federal judges, sometimes display.’

Amazon Sues Two Influencers for Peddling Counterfeit Goods on Instagram and Tiktok

NewsTwo influencers allegedly teamed up with nearly a dozen third-party sellers to advertise, promote and facilitate the sale of counterfeit luxury goods on Amazon, according to a lawsuit the company filed Thursday.

Sterling Brown Agrees to $750K Settlement with City of Milwaukee

NewsMilwaukee Bucks guard Sterling Brown has agreed to a $750,000 settlement with the city of Milwaukee, nearly three years after he was tased by an officer during a run-in with police over a parking violation.

Zoom Reaches Settlement with FTC Over Misleading Security Practices

NewsThe Federal Trade Commission reached a settlement with Zoom to resolve allegations that the company engaged in misleading security practices.

Swiss Bank Julius Baer Agrees to Pay $79M Settlement for Role In FIFA Corruption

Scandal

News“A Swiss bank implicated in FIFA corruption investigations said Monday it has agreed to a settlement in principle with the US Department of Justice and set aside $79.7 million to pay expected fines.

Terminix $60M Settlement for Illegal Business Practices Targeting Alabama Customers

NewsAlabama Attorney General Steve Marshall announced on Thursday a historic $60 million state settlement with Terminix International in response to the company’s alleged illegal business practices targeting Alabama consumers.

Begley Awarded $1.8M in Settlement

NewsAssistant Chief Mark Begley was awarded a $1.84 million lawsuit settlement against the County of Kaua‘i and Kaua‘i Police Department.

Johnson & Johnson’s $2B Talc Verdict Stands

NewsJohnson & Johnson has been defending against claims its talc-based powders cause cancers for years, and, with a new ruling against the drugmaker in Missouri, it’s preparing to challenge a massive verdict at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Settlement in Deadly Sinking of Scandies Rose Crab Boat Calls for More Than $9M Payout

Newshe owners of the Scandies Rose have reached a settlement of more than $9 million with two surviving crew and the families of four men who died when the Washington-managed crab boat went down Dec. 31 off Alaska.

APPLEVirnetX Takes $503M Bite

Out of Apple for Patent Infringement

NewsA jury in Tyler, Texas, ordered Apple to pay $502.8 million in royalties for infringing on VirnetX’s patented virtual private network (VPN).

Justice, Morrisey Announce Multi-Million-Dollar Settlement in Asphalt Lawsuit

NewsA lawsuit accusing several paving companies of anti-competitive practices and price gouging is over, with state officials announcing Friday a $101.35 million settlement.

Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc., to Pay $1.49M in Settlement of Environmental Violations

NewsContra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton announces a $1,498,750 settlement against New Jersey-based Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc. (‘Bed Bath & Beyond’) as part of a settlement of a civil environmental prosecution.

Anthem to Pay $594M Share in Pending Blues Plan Antitrust Settlement

NewsAnthem is paying a substantial portion of Blues plans' tentative antitrust settlement, which is estimated to be nearly $3 billion.

FCC Fines Company $37.5M For Spoofing Calls

NewsOn Tuesday the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced that it fined Affordable Enterprises of Arizona $37.5 million for making at least 2.3 million illegal spoofed telemarketing calls in a 14-month period starting in 2016 in violation of the Truth in Caller ID Act.

Medical Device Manufacturer Agrees to $18M Settlement on

Kickback Scheme

NewsMedical device maker Merit Medical Systems Inc. (MMSI) has agreed to pay $18 million to resolve allegations that it caused the submission of false claims to the Medicare, Medicaid, and Tricare programs by paying kickbacks to physicians and hospitals to induce the use of MMSI products.

N.C. Judge First to Favor Policyholders in COVID-19 Closure Lawsuit

NewsA judge in Durham County, North Carolina has handed down what may be the nation’s first dispositive ruling in favor of policyholders in a COVID-19 business-interruption lawsuit.

Goldman Sachs Agrees to Record $2.9B DOJ Settlement

NewsThe international investment bank Goldman Sachs agreed to pay $2.9 billion and admit wrongdoing for its involvement in the plundering of an economic development fund meant to benefit Malaysia.