

# Courts Continue to Analyze How COVID-19 Orders Affect Private Party Rights

## *News*

Three recent decisions demonstrate how the legal landscape continues rapidly to change and evolve in response to COVID-19. These decisions highlight certain developing uncertainties in the law, including the impact of COVID-19-related executive and administrative orders on the rights of private parties.

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# BigLaw Firm Sued Over \$3M Wire Transfer to Fraudster's Account

## *News*

Holland & Knight is facing a lawsuit alleging that it failed to prevent the transfer of more than \$3 million to a fraudster's account in Hong Kong.

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# District Court Says Cruise

# Ship Passengers Cannot Recover For “Fear of Contracting COVID-19”

## *News*

Judge Klausner, sitting in the Central District, dismissed a claim brought by a class of Princess Cruise Line passengers premised on their exposure to COVID-19 while aboard the now-infamous cruise ship that departed San Francisco for Hawaii on February 21, 2020.

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# New Prime Lawsuit Could End With \$28 Million Settlement

## *News*

A trucking lawsuit against carrier New Prime that has lasted five years and prompted a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court could be nearing an end.

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# Real Problems with Virtual Jury Trials: The Shallowing

# of Jury Pools

## News

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues with no certain end in sight, courts and lawyers alike must come to terms with the possibility that the conduct of trials may require dramatic changes to keep the wheels of justice turning.

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## Ghost Ship Fire Victims To Receive \$32.7 Million Settlement From City Of Oakland

## News

The city of Oakland has settled a lawsuit with the victims of the 2016 'Ghost Ship' fire that killed 36 people.

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## Facebook's \$550 Million Settlement In Facial Recognition Case Is Not

# Enough

## News

U.S. District Judge James Donato of California, who is overseeing the case, says that payout is woefully inadequate.

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## Werner Student Drivers Deprived of Nearly \$800,000 Jury Verdict

## News

Tens of thousands of former Werner student trucker drivers won't see a dime of a six-figure verdict in a wage lawsuit after a federal court determined a report from a key witness for the plaintiffs is inadmissible.

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## Female Construction Workers Get \$1.5M Settlement in Sexual Harassment Case

## News

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# No End in Sight for Business of ERISA Litigation

## News

ERISA litigation continues to flourish thanks to veteran plaintiffs' attorneys refining their strategies, newcomers entering the ERISA arena using traditional arguments and lawsuits being filed against smaller plans.

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# Deutsche Bank Agrees to \$150 Million Settlement for Jeffrey Epstein Lapses

## News

Deutsche Bank AG agreed Tuesday to pay a \$150 million penalty to settle "significant compliance failures" in its dealings with convicted sex offender and financier Jeffrey Epstein.

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# Florida's Largest Nursing

# Home Company, Faces Quarter-Billion-Dollar Fraud Judgment

## **News**

Florida's largest nursing home provider is again facing a quarter-billion-dollar judgment for fraud.

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# Tamiflu Maker Won \$1.4B Contract after Deceiving the FDA about Drug's Pandemic Effectiveness

## **News**

Drug company Hoffmann-La Roche falsified scientific conclusions and mounted a high-powered marketing and lobbying campaign to deceive the government about the effectiveness of Tamiflu for fighting a flu pandemic, according to new filings in a federal False Claims Act lawsuit.

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# Lawyer Ignored Them for Three Years and Their \$2.8M Legal

# Malpractice Verdict Keeps Shrinking

## News

The court opined that a \$1.1 million judgment for Vernon and Donyell Walters was too high and that the trial court will have to try to find a more appropriate figure.

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# Lawyer Deaths and Series of Tornadoes Don't Excuse Late Filing, Federal Judge Rules

## News

The unexpected deaths of two lawyers and a series of tornadoes don't excuse the late filing of an expert report on damages, a federal judge in Dallas has ruled.

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# Judges Slam J&J's 'Reprehensible' Talc Defense, Cut Massive 2018 Verdict to

# \$2.11B

## News

An appeals court has reduced that award—but only to \$2.11 billion, thanks to J&J's 'outrageous' and 'reprehensible' defense of the product.

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## Judge Denies American Women's Soccer Immediate Appeal

## News

A federal judge has denied a request by American women's soccer players to allow an immediate appeal of his decision to throw out their claim of unequal pay against the U.S. Soccer Federation.

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## Utah Immigration Lawyer Accused of Making Threats Amid Weeks of Erratic Behavior

## News

A no bail arrest warrant has been issued for a prominent immigration attorney in Utah whose increasingly erratic behavior, according to police and prosecutors, culminated with



him making terroristic threats against his wife in addition to making several bizarre statement.

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## **Coalition of State Attorneys General Secures \$550M Settlement with Subprime Auto Lender**

### **News**

“A coalition of 34 state attorneys general announced on May 19, 2020, that it had secured a settlement with one of the nation’s largest subprime auto financing companies for alleged violations of state consumer protection laws.

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## **New Lawsuit Accuses DLA Piper Of ‘Strident Double-Dealing’**

### **News**

A new lawsuit filed in Kansas state court by propane supply company Ferrellgas Partners, an ex-client of Biglaw firm DLA Piper, alleges the firm engaged in ‘strident double-dealing’ that was only revealed when the wrong invoice was mistakenly sent to Ferrellgas.