

# **Crumbling Concrete Not Covered Under 'Collapse' Provision in Homeowner's Policy**

## ***Insight***

In recent years, the foundations of approximately 35,000 homes in northeastern Connecticut have begun to deteriorate as a result of faulty concrete used to build homes during the 1980s and 1990s. Dozens of homeowners have been suing their insurers for denying coverage for claims based on the deteriorating foundations.

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# **Indemnification Agreements and Insured Contracts**

## ***Insight***

When a general contractor engages a sub to perform work on projects, the parties should always reduce their expectations and agreements to a written document in which both sides agree and acknowledge the terms.

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# Download: The Electronic Discovery Management Model – An Updated Approach

## *Insight*

A lot has changed since Zapproved's original Electronic Discovery Reference Model successfully described the nascent ediscovery process and gave ediscovery practitioners a common language and framework for evolving their own approaches.

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# JPMorgan Chase Settles Class-Action Lawsuit After Dad Demands Equal Parental Leave for Men

## *News*

While not admitting liability, the company pledged to train those administering the policy and pay \$5 million to male employees who claim they were denied additional paid parental leave as primary caregivers.

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# Aldous\Walker Trial Win in Dallas Makes National Top Verdicts List

## *News*

The firm represented Stacey Jackson, mother of former Cowboys practice squad player Jerry Brown, who died in the 2012 crash.

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# SCOTUS Denies Appeal From Biglaw Partner's Widow in Paxil Drug Labeling Suit

## *News*

The court denied the appeal petition from plaintiff Wendy Dolin in her lawsuit against pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline.

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# Federal Judge Orders Top Carnival Execs to Appear in Court

## *News*

The world's largest cruise company was put on probation for

its 2016 conviction for environmental crimes on its Princess Cruises ships.

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## **Supreme Court: Rejection of Executory Contract Constitutes Breach, Does Not Terminate Non-Debtor Counterparty's Rights**

### ***Insight***

The Supreme Court's decision has far-ranging implications, as the opinion's reasoning can be expanded to apply to the vast majority of contracts that may be rejected in bankruptcy, reports Paul Weiss.

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## **Harvey Weinstein's Lawyers Going After Him for Nearly \$500K**

### ***News***

Court documents show that Abelson Herron Halpern LLP is seeking \$420,495 in the suits brought against Weinstein.

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# Thompson & Knight Successfully Defends BP in Landmark Texas Oil and Gas Lease Cases

## *News*

A Thompson & Knight trial team earned a unanimous verdict for BP America Production Company in a retrial of a 12-year-old lease termination dispute.

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# Injured Utility Worker Sues CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric

## *News*

A Houston-area utility worker has filed a lawsuit against CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC, after he was severely injured in a fall from a company utility pole.

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# Jones Day Wants Gender Discrimination Plaintiffs to Reveal Themselves to the Public

## *News*

Jones Day's motion claims "the court's approval of the pseudonyms itself impugns Jones Day's reputation."

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# Bayer Bets on 'Silver Bullet' Defense in Roundup Litigation; Experts See Hurdles

## *News*

Bayer has a better shot if a business-friendly U.S. Supreme Court takes up the case, experts said.

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**Download: Gartner's New**

# Analyst Report on E-Discovery

## ***Insight***

The report, which discusses six recommendations Gartner has for defining e-discovery process, can be downloaded from Exterro's website at no charge.

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## **U. S. Judge Voices Doubt on Trump Bid to Block House Subpoena for Financial Records**

### ***News***

A federal judge expressed astonishment Tuesday at arguments raised by President Trump's lawyers seeking to block his accounting firm from turning over years of financial records to the House Oversight and Reform Committee, reports *The Washington Post*.

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## **Lawyers Spar Over \$64 Million in Fees In \$2.2 Billion South**

# Carolina Nuclear Settlement

## *News*

The main point of contention was whether the 13 law firms that fought SCE&G for months before negotiating the settlement should earn \$64 million in fees.

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# Texas Court Addresses the Use of Contract Operators

## *Insight*

A recent Texas ruling illustrates the problems that can arise when parties to a joint operating agreement elect to have a non-owner serve as the operator, points out Austin Brister in the McGinnis Lochridge Oil and Gas Law Digest.

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# U.S. State AGs Looking into Expedia Group, Hotel Practices in Antitrust Probe

## *News*

Court documents name the hotel chains Hyatt, Marriott, Caesars Entertainment Corp and Choice Hotels International Inc.

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# Morrison & Foerster Trims Some Female Attorneys' Claims, For Now

## *News*

The women are part of a proposed nationwide class action filed in April 2018.

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# Judge Orders PG&E Directors to Visit Town Destroyed by Wildfire

## *News*

The judge said he wanted the energy company executives to “see the gravity of what happened up there” and indicated he likely will join the tour.