Wilson Elser's Albany Office to Focus on Business Litigation, Government Affairs

News

Wilson Elser announced that its Albany office, formerly known for its lobbying/government relations practice, will refocus its business on the firm's core services – commercial and civil litigation and corporate transactions.

Big Year for this Trial Firm

News

The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson tallied some of the firm's recent victories, including a $10.9 million verdict for the families of two north Texas grandmothers who died as a result of injuries from the crash of a the Choctaw Casino chartered bus.

Litigation Finance: Driving Law Firm Profitability

Event, Sept. 21, 4:30 p.m.

Bloomberg BNA and Bentham IMF will hold an executive briefing

and reception that explores how firms are integrating financing into their litigation practices.

Legal Experts Shocked by Fox's $20 Million Settlement With Gretchen Carlson

News

Some of the experts LawNewz.com talked to said the case could open the door to more sexual harassment claims in the workplace, and some were surprised by the high dollar amount that 21st Century Fox agreed to pay.

Lawyer.com Hit with Defamation Class Action Over Lawyer-Grading System

News

A Kentucky lawyer has sued Lawyer.com LLC and World Media Group LLC, alleging the site's grading system for lawyers violates New York and other state consumer protection statutes, reports Legal NewsLine.

Continuing Bad Faith: Theory of Liability or Rule of Evidence?

Insight

When a bad faith lawsuit converts the quasi-fiduciary relationship with the policyholder into an adversarial one, how does a policyholder lawsuit affect the insurer's duty of good faith? And, how does the insurer's duty of good faith affect the lawsuit?

Female Lawyer's Gender-Bias Suit Challenges Law Firm Pay Practices

News

Kerrie L. Campbell has sued Chadbourne & Parke for a total of $100 million on behalf of herself and other female partners who, she said, receive less compensation than male partners even when they bring in more client revenue, reports *The New York Times*.

Fearing Lawsuits, U.S. Banks Set Sky-High Limits for Director Pay

News

A growing number of U.S. banks has capped their directors' earnings, but the ceilings are so high that they primarily serve to fend off potential shareholder litigation rather than control the pace of pay increases, Reuters reports.

Alabama Law Firm Says It Has Received 26k Calls After Talcum Powder Verdicts

News

A law firm in Montgomery, Ala., says it received nearly 26,000 phone calls from people inquiring about a possible link between talcum powder and ovarian cancer after its clients won a total of $127 million in two verdicts earlier this year, reports AL.com.

Avoid Nullification of

Contractual Indemnity Protection

Insight

Because of unforeseen risk, additional insured endorsements have been revised to link contractual indemnity obligations to additional insured coverage, writes James J. Buldas of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti LLP.

One of Peter Thiel's Fellows Created a New Startup That Will Fund Lawsuits

News

A new startup, Legalist, is looking to make money from the practice of bankrolling lawsuits, reports Business Insider. The startup plans to fund those that it calculates has a chance to win.

Headhunter Scorned: Inside a Failed Law Firm Placement

News

A Texas-based legal recruiter is seeking up to $1 million in damages from a Holland & Knight partner, saying the lawyer

broke his promise and used another headhunter to place him at the firm after the recruiter discussed the opportunity with him.

Unions, Ledbetter Warn of Supreme Court Implications of Election

News

Donald Trump’s power to nominate Supreme Court justices if elected to the White House is a threat to women workers, equal pay advocate Lilly Ledbetter and two union officials said, according to a report by Bloomberg Law.

Lawyer Accused of Fraud By U.S. in BP Oil Spill Case is Acquitted

News

Reuters is reporting that prominent Texas lawyer Mikal Watts was acquitted on Thursday of charges he made up thousands of fake clients to sue BP Plc for damages that the oil company caused in the 2010 Gulf of Mexico spill, court records show.

Arbitration Saves Money and Patents in International Disputes

Insight

If parties to a license or industry dispute resolution agreement devote appropriate time and effort to preparing an arbitration provision to meet their specific objectives, arbitration can be a valuable tool in resolving patent disputes, writes Kirk Watkins of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP.

Law Firm to Investigate Cause of Fire at Sunoco Facility

News

Two workers injured in a flash fire at the Sunoco Logistics terminal in Nederland, Texas, have retained Provost Umphrey law firm to represent their interests.

Is $88,500 Salary Too Much for a Deputy General Counsel?

News

Bloomberg Law examines a lawsuit involving U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, who is the target of an attempt to recover salary Foxx collected during his three-and-a-half year tenure as a now-defunct company's deputy general counsel.

Kentucky AG Sues Johnson & Johnson Over Transvaginal Mesh Marketing

News

CNN is reporting that Kentucky's attorney general is suing health-care giant Johnson & Johnson for millions of dollars, saying the company "concealed and misrepresented" the risk of its transvaginal mesh products to doctors and patients.

Chambers USA Ranks AZA Again Among Top Texas Commercial

Litigation Firms

News

Houston trial law boutique Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing P.C., or AZA, once again is being recognized as one of Texas' top commercial litigation firms after earning a spot in the 2016 edition of Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

7th Circuit: Walgreens, Shareholder Settlement Little More Than $370K Payday for Lawyers

News

The type of class action illustrated by this case – the class action that yields fees for class counsel and nothing for the class – is no better than a racket," wrote Judge Richard Posner.