

# How a \$30-Million Federal Lawsuit Was Blown Up Over Breakfast

## **News**

Six years of litigation fizzled out in July when one of the plaintiffs dropped a bombshell at a breakfast meeting with opposing counsel, effectively ending a \$30 million federal lawsuit filed against a Saudi businessman over a California wildfire.

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# Jones Day Sued for Alleged Malpractice by Pro Bono Clients Who Say Eviction Deal Left Them Homeless

## **News**

Two California residents allege that Jones Day pressured them to accept a “burdensome settlement,” reports the *ABA Journal*.

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# Don't Overreach by Retaining

# the Unilateral Right to Modify An Arbitration Agreement

## *Insight*

If a contract is too one-sided, it can be ruled illusory and unenforceable, warns Shepard Davidson in the Burns Levinson In-House Advisor blog.

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# Gunmaker Asks Justices to Rule Against Sandy Hook Families

## *News*

The company argued that the 2005 federal Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act shields firearm makers from liability when their products are used in acts of violence.

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# Offshore Worker Wins Settlement in Platform

# Explosion Case

## News

Lawyers with Houston-based Heard Law Firm achieved a settlement for an offshore pipeline technician who was injured in a 2017 accident in the Gulf of Mexico.

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# Dallas County Trial to Lead the Way in Addressing Opioid Crisis in Texas

## News

The first Texas trial addressing the role of pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and physicians in creating and fueling the state's opioid crisis has been scheduled for Dallas County next year.

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# In Roundup Case, U.S. Judge Cuts \$2 Billion Verdict Against Bayer to \$86 Million

## News

A California Superior Court judge in Oakland said the jury's billion-dollar punitive damages awards were excessive and unconstitutional.

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# Law Offices of Frank L. Branson Honored with 2019 Elite Trial Lawyers Award

## **News**

*The National Law Journal* has honored The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson as a top law firm in the nation for product liability litigation.

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# Martin Walker Honored for Winning Texas' Largest Medical Malpractice Verdict in 2018

## **News**

Trial law firm Martin Walker has earned honors for winning the largest medical malpractice verdict in Texas in 2018 for the \$43.32 million jury award.

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# Wright Close & Barger Wins 9-0 US Supreme Court Decision

## *News*

Wright Close & Barger scored a 9-0 decision from the U.S. Supreme Court in a closely watched religious discrimination case that made national headlines and carried big implications for employers and state and local governments.

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# Lawyers Can Be Sued for Allegedly Violating Confidentiality Deal in Monster Energy Suit

## *News*

The court found there is no question the language of the confidentiality provisions purported to encompass both the parties and their lawyers.

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# Two Provost Umphrey Jury Awards Earn Top Verdicts

# Recognition

## *News*

Two verdicts won by Provost Umphrey Law Firm earned recognition among the Top Texas Verdicts & Settlements for 2018 based on a comprehensive review by VerdictSearch.

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## Plaintiffs' Counsel Appointed in Price-Fixing Claims Against Cedar Shake and Shingle Manufacturers

## *News*

A federal court in Seattle has appointed Christopher J. Cormier and a legal team at Burns Charest LLP as co-lead counsel in a proposed federal class action against a group of manufacturers of cedar shakes and shingles.

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## Court Holds Delta's Privacy Policy Isn't a Contract

## *Insight*

The key to Delta's victory may have been a novel theory that its privacy policy should not be treated as a contract with a consumer, according to Manatt, Phelps & Phillips.

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# Download: Driving Down the Cost of Ediscovery

## *Insight*

A new guide published by Zapproved details a series of real-world best practices for getting ediscovery costs under control.

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# Clickthrough Litigation Trends 2002-2018: White Paper

## *Insight*

While the content of online legal terms may be bulletproof, the way that companies currently track acceptance may leave them at risk.

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# U.S. Chief Justice's 'Swing' Role Shown in Census, Gerrymandering Rulings

## *News*

The votes illustrate how Roberts now is the court's center, a

role he inherited following the retirement last year of Justice Anthony Kennedy, writes Reuters' Lawrence Hurley.

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## **Fears Nachawati's \$166M Verdict Ranked As Largest Intentional Tort Award in Texas for 2018**

### **News**

The May 2018 jury verdict in Tarrant County's 141st Judicial District Court was also ranked the sixth largest among all verdicts in Texas and the 14th largest nationally for the year.

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## **Environmental Lawyers Probing Water Contamination from 'Forever Chemicals'**

### **News**

Environmental trial lawyers at Dallas-based Fears Nachawati Law Firm are investigating water contamination cases on behalf of states, counties and cities across the nation.



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# As Legal Glare Turns to Trump, His Faith in Supreme Court May Be Tested

## **News**

As the focus of some of the major legal challenges shifts from his policies to Trump himself, there could be disappointments in store for him.