

# Fears Nachawati to Represent Maryland's Calvert County in Opioid Lawsuit

## *News*

Dallas-based Fears Nachawati has been retained by the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners in Maryland to pursue a lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors.

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# Jones Day Ex-Partner Settles Suit Over 'Fraternity' Culture

## *News*

Wendy Moore's suit claimed the firm's leadership retaliated against her after she voiced misgivings about its culture, pay transparency, and treatment of female attorneys.

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# Alex Jones' Tirade Against Opposing Counsel Earns Him a

# Sanction

## *News*

“The court has no doubt that Alex Jones was accusing plaintiffs counsel of planting child pornography,” Bridgeport Superior Court Judge Barbara Bellis said.

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## Workplace Accidents: How an Attorney Can Help Where OSHA Can't

### *Insight*

A post on the Provost Umphrey website describes the role of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in investigating a workplace accident – and the role that a lawyer can play in finding where fault lies and obtaining fair redress for the victim.

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## Amazon is (So Far) Winning Its War Against Products Liability Exposure

### *News*

Reuters reports that a federal appeals court has determined that Amazon is not liable for facilitating the sale of a

defective product manufactured by another company.

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## **New Malpractice Suit Highlights Mass Tort Referrals, Fee Splitting**

### **News**

A lawsuit alleges that several New Jersey and Texas law firms committed procedural violations and overcharged clients in about 1,450 mesh cases brought in New Jersey state courts, reports Reuters.

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## **Fracking Companies Lost on Trespassing, But a Court Just Gave Them a Different Win**

### **News**

A week after the West Virginia Supreme Court unanimously upheld the property rights of landowners battling one natural gas giant, the same court tossed out a challenge filed by another group of landowners against a different natural gas company.

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# Biglaw Firm Faces Potential Sanctions For Stonewalling Sexual Assault Plaintiffs

## News

The firm is opposing an order to produce some documents responsive to discovery requests in *Doe v. Baylor University*. The judge cited the firm's "untimely objections."

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# 24 Tense Cases Over Two Weeks: Chief Justice John Roberts is About to Show His Cards

## News

Conflicts over interpretations of the law, and the churning environment of the nation's capital, are no doubt adding to protracted disagreements behind the scenes, speculates CNN.

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# Three Judges in Trouble: One Reprimanded; One Fired; and One Investigated

## *News*

Intemperate statements in court and – in one case – allegations of unwanted sexual advances have led to difficult times for three judges.

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# West Mermis Earns Defense Victory in South Texas Fatality Trial

## *News*

Plaintiffs' counsel asked the jury to award \$40 million to the decedent's family, but following a two-week trial, the jury rendered a complete defense verdict.

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# Nationwide Mutual in-House Lawyer With Amputated Legs

# Gets Bias Trial

## *News*

A jury must decide whether the insurer fired Kevin Greenwood on the basis of his disability, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois said.

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# 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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# 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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# **Judge Sanctions Lawyer and Clients \$220K for Alleged Misconduct in Guardianship Case**

## **News**

Bexar County Probate Court Judge Oscar Kazen ruled that Phil Ross and his clients had “designed and carried out a vexatious litigation campaign.”

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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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## **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.