

# 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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# A GC Says She Was Told to Serve the Cake. She Complained, Then She Was Fired.

## *News*

The former general counsel of ExlService Holdings says in a lawsuit that she suffered from gender stereotyping in her job, illustrated by an order from the CEO that she serve cake to the company's junior male employees at a company anniversary.

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# Trial to Begin Over Claims

# Army Corps Knew of Flooding Risk in Wake of Hurricane

## News

An estimated 8,000 to 10,000 homes and businesses flooded near government-run dams to the west of Houston in 2017.

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# 'Frivolous' Claims Lead to 7-Figure Sanction for Lawyer and Client

## News

Judge Margaret Ann Brennan imposed sanctions totaling \$1,061,623 against Marshall Spiegel and his lawyer, John Xydakis, in a case involving a condominium association.

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# Former Practice Chair Says Dentons Owes Her Over \$390K

## News

Jessica Abrahams, now at Drinker Biddle & Reath, claims Dentons breached a contract that guaranteed she'd have the funds in her capital account returned to her if she left the firm.

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# **Attorney: ‘Old White Males’ Ganged Up on Her. The Bar: She Used ‘Terrorist Legal Tactics’**

## **News**

“Old White Male Attorney #2 steps up to the plate to harass a domestic violence victim with yet another baseless legal treat,” the lawyer allegedly posted.

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# **‘Immoral and Barbaric’: Cancer-Surviving Judge Blasts Insurer For Denying Lawyer’s Treatment**

## **News**

One judge, who felt he had to recuse himself and who was a prostate cancer survivor himself, made it clear how he felt about the case.

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# Landowners, Energy Companies Seek to Capture Court's Ruling in Historic Hydraulic Fracking Case

## **News**

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has agreed to hear a case to consider whether the rule of capture applies to hydraulic fracking, reports The Hydraulic Fracking Blog of Norton Rose Fulbright.

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# Alexander Dubose Jefferson Adds Former Appellate Justice

## **News**

Bill Boyce, a justice on the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in Houston for 11 years, has joined Alexander Dubose & Jefferson in the firm's Houston office.

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# Mineral Interests: Executive Right Holder Liable for

# Refusing to Lease

## *Insight*

The article in the Energy & the Law blog explains that the case presented an opportunity for the court to apply the guidelines outlined in an earlier ruling to a different scenario: whether the executive breached the duty by *refusing* to lease.

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## When Union Contracts And Overtime Law Conflict: Court Provides Balance For Employers

## *Insight*

The case involved an offshore oil worker whose contract called for 12-hour shifts for a week and required him to be on the off platform between shifts.

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## Download: Zapproved's Latest Guide for a Quick Reference

# to Essential Ediscovery Law

## *Insight*

The new guide from Zapproved covers relevant critical sections of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and includes case law examples.

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## Chicago Lawyer, Client Sanctioned More Than \$1M for Frivolous Condo Association Lawsuits

### *News*

The *Cook County Record* is reporting that a county judge has ordered more than \$1 million in sanctions and penalties against a lawyer and his client in connection with a litany of legal actions against a condo association.

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## Female Attorneys Sue Biglaw Firm Over 'Fraternity' Atmosphere, Allege Bias

# Against Women

## News

Jones Day is being sued for gender, pregnancy and maternity discrimination to the tune of more than \$200 million, reports *Crain's Cleveland Business*.

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## A Judge Angered a Politically Connected Law Firm, Then Quickly Lost Her Job

## News

State investigators say they responded to Pond Lehocky's complaint by pulling eight years of Andrea McCormick's emails and determined that she had violated multiple policies.

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## Ohio Judge Reprimanded for Hearing Cases He Once Litigated

## News

Bloomberg Law reports that Judge Robert Nathaniel Rusu Jr. heard about 170 cases where he had previously served as the attorney of record, according to the court's findings.

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# Murder-for-Hire of North Texas Woman Featured on 'In Ice Cold Blood' TV Series

## News

Fears Nachawati trial lawyer Matthew McCarley will be featured in an upcoming episode of the true crime show "In Ice Cold Blood," detailing the murder-for-hire of a 69-year-old woman who was killed for her \$5 million life insurance policies.

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# Whistleblowing General Counsel Gets \$1.87 Million Payday

## News

A statement from the agency said an appeal is being considered, should the judge uphold the jury's verdict.

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# Former BigLaw Lawyer Awarded

# **\$6.3m for Brain Injury Caused By Parking Garage Pipe**

## **News**

Aja Diamond McCoy was a lawyer at the firm now known as Hunton Andrews Kurth when she suffered the injury.

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# **TWA Flight 847 Hijacking Victims and Families Win \$353 Million Judgment Against Iran**

## **News**

Washington federal Judge Richard Leon has entered a \$353 million default judgment against Iran for its role in the 1985 hijacking of TWA Flight 847.