

5th Circuit Nixes Ex-NBA Star's \$1.5 mln BP Spill Claim – Because He Didn't Lose Any Money

News

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has overturned a \$1.5 million award to ex-NBA All Star David West, who claimed he qualified for a payout in the BP oil spill settlement because he earned less in 2010 than in 2009.

How Has Personal Injury Changed Over Time?

Insight

Three trends have dominated the practice of law, and personal injury law in Texas, writes Bryan O. Blevins, an equity partner with Beaumont, Texas-based Provost Umphrey Law Firm.

High-Profile Defendants in College Scandal Hiring Biglaw

Heavy-Hitters

News

Defendants in the college admissions cheating scandal case have been turning to Biglaw firms for representation, including Cooley, Sidley Austin, Latham & Watkins, Boies Schiller Flexner, and Ropes & Gray.

Suit Against Lawyers of Mormon 'Prophet' Revived

News

Former members of the polygamous Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints have provided enough evidence of misdeeds by their old lawyers for parts of a lawsuit to proceed.

Ruling Allows Sandy Hook Case to Go Forward: A Path Around Federal Protection for Gun Makers?

News

The decision that kept the landmark gun case alive possibly created a path that other mass shooting victims can follow to

get around the federal Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

Biglaw Co-Chair Charged in College Bribery Scheme

News

Caplan was arrested at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday and was released on \$500,000 bail after appearing in Manhattan federal court.

Roundup Cancer Claims Could Come Down to a Feather's Weight

News

Roundup, not hepatitis, caused the plaintiff's cancer, his lawyers argued at a critical juncture in the company's second U.S. trial over the popular herbicide.

Are Contractor Agreements Not Worth the Paper They're Printed On?

Insight

A recent ruling in an Alabama federal court illustrates how having a valid independent contractor agreement is not necessarily an impenetrable magic shield automatically rendering misclassification claims null and void, according to Fisher Phillips' Gig Employer Blog.

Lawsuit: Trump Family-Planning Rule 'Politicizes' Medicine

News

The new Department of Health and Human Services rule would prohibit family planning clinics funded by the federal Title X program from making abortion referrals.

Texas Judge Reprimanded for

Telling Jury God Said Defendant Was Innocent

News

Judge ack Robison acknowledged to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct that his conduct was improper, adding that it might have been caused by stress from treatment for a severe medical condition.

Zapproved Introduces Proportionality Volume of Ediscovery Case Law Summaries

Insight

This volume includes 17 cases analyzing the boundaries of the scope of discovery and proportionality under the amended Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

California Attorney in Hot Water for Sexist Insult of Judge

News

A California attorney is in professional trouble for calling

the ruling of the female judge in his case “succubustic,” among a host of other insults, according to Bloomberg Law.

Jury Finds Texas Football Players Liable in Sexual Assault of 14-Year-Old Girl, Awards \$32 Million

News

A jury in Denton, Texas, has found two former high school football players liable in the aggravated sexual assault of a 14-year-old girl.

New Survey Results: 264 Federal Judges Report on Litigation Practices

Insight

More than 250 active and recently retired federal judges responded to a recent Exterro survey on how they would like legal teams to manage litigation/e-discovery processes in their courtrooms.

Texas Supreme Court Ruling on Attorney-Client Privilege Can Benefit Insurers

News

The ruling is significant to Texas because it aligns the state with the federal rules on expert disclosure and production.

Court Agrees General Counsel Was Fired for Whistle-Blowing; Upholds \$8 Million Verdict

News

The 9th Circuit ruled that the former general counsel had acted as a whistle-blower and was dismissed in retaliation for reporting conduct that he “reasonably believed” to be illegal.

Law Firm Sues Associate Who Quit After 1 Year

News

Above the Law reports on a law firm's breach-of-contract lawsuit against an associate who wants to leave the firm.

Dallas Won't Release Police Files on Slaying of Prominent Lawyer, Despite Judge's Order

News

Ira Tobolowsky, 68, was found dead inside his burning garage at his North Dallas home in 2016, and the death was ruled a homicide.

Army Vet Files Lawsuit Over Hearing Damage from Defective 3M Earplugs

News

An Army combat veteran in Utah has filed a lawsuit against 3M, seeking damages for permanent hearing loss caused by defective earplugs and alleging that the manufacturer doctored test

results to win a government contract.

Judge Could Revoke Roger Stone's Bond And Send Him to Jail Because of 'Crosshairs' Instagram Post

News

Stone apologized to the court for the photograph, which included a crosshairs image beside the judge's photo.