# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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

***News***

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

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# 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.

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# 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.