# Roberts Again Sides With Liberal Supreme Court Justices in Disagreeing With Lower Court Interpretations

### News

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. has sided with liberal Supreme Court justices in cases involving the death penalty and abortion access, reports *The Washington Post*.

## Dallas Quadriplegic Crash Victim Wins \$37.6 Million in Seat Belt Suit

### News

The plaintiff claimed Honda's design for the seat belt in the third row of the minivan's middle seat is defective.

## Opioid Epidemic Lawsuits Take Strategy from Epic Big

## **Tobacco Litigation**

## Insight

Trial lawyers are demanding that manufacturers and companies along the prescription drug supply chain pay sweeping economic penalties for damages caused by opioid drugs.

## Courtroom Reference Book 'On the Jury Trial' Tops UNT Press' Best-Sellers List

## News

Upon its release, "On the Jury Trial: Principles and Practice for Effective Advocacy," vaulted to the top of University of North Texas Press' best-sellers list.

## Houston Federal Judge Bars Female Prosecutor From Trial, Sparking Standoff With U.S. Attorney's Office

### News

The federal judge has twice ejected Assistant U.S. Attorney Tina Ansari before trials, claiming she lacked ability and

## Former Football Players Ran Out of Time to Sue NFL, 9th Circuit Says

### News

The players failed to explain adequately why they lacked the essential knowledge to file their lawsuit within the four-year statute of limitations.

# Overbroad Geographic Restriction Dooms Covenant Not to Compete

## Insight

The reach of the geographic restriction in the convenant should extend only as far as the employee's geographic activities extend.

## Fired Hershey IP Attorney Sues Alleging Race, Age, Sex Bias

### News

The 52-year-old former senior counsel for global intellectual property at Hershey Co., has sued his ex-employer, claiming he was replaced with a younger, black, female lawyer in a case of race, age and sex bias.

## Safety Questions Arise After Multiple Vape Pen Explosions

#### News

According to a study published by Tobacco Control, more than 2,000 vape pen explosions and burn injuries occurred in the U.S. between 2015-17.

## The Trump Supreme Court Contingency Plan

#### News

The four candidates under most serious consideration are all appeals-courts judges who were placed on the bench by Trump.

## BigLaw Partner Files \$20M Suit Claiming Rape By Bartender

### News

The ABA Journal reports that a partner at a large international law firm in Houston has filed a \$20 million suit claiming a bartender at Brennan's of Houston spiked her drink with a drug and later raped her at her home.

# Record Multimillion-Dollar Settlement Reached for Susman Godfrey Partner's Traumatic Brain Injury

### News

Brooke Taylor was 38 at the time of the crash and in the early part of what was an already decorated career with the law firm Susman Godfrey as an intellectual property litigation attorney.

# Job-Seeking Lawyer Loses Age Discrimination Case Based on Experience Cap

### News

The job applicant, with 25 years of legal experience, didn't get an invitation to interview for the position that was aimed at lawyers with three to seven years experience.

## No Fees for You: Non-Class Counsel Get Stiffed in VW Diesel Litigation

### News

Numerous attorneys who worked on VW suits before the appointment of class counsel won't get paid, reports Bloomberg Law.

## Yelp Doesn't Have to Take Down Libelous Post About

## Lawyer, Supreme Court Rules

### News

The U.S. Supreme Court rejected a San Francisco attorney's request Tuesday to order Yelp to take down an online denunciation by a former client.

## Download: Zapproved's Winter 2019 Volume of Ediscovery Case Law Summaries

## Insight

This volume from Zapproved covers a wide range of topics, from spoliation and sanctions to proportionality, scope, and technology.

# Jury Awards \$21 Million to Hotel Dishwasher After She Was Forced to Work on Sundays

#### News

A federal jury in Miami set a \$21.5 million verdict for a Haitian immigrant in a religious accommodation case who lost her job at a Conrad Hotel because she would not work on Sundays because of religious beliefs.

# Border Wall Needs Private Property. But Some Texans Won't Give Up Their Land Without a Fight.

### News

Previous eminent domain attempts along the Texas border have led to more than a decade of court battles, according to *The Washington Post*.

# A Quick 'Yes' Can Create a Binding Contract, Even If There Has Not Been Agreement on All Terms

## Insight

An exchange of emails can form a binding settlement agreement, even if the parties have not agreed to all of the terms of that settlement.

## Why Johnson & Johnson May Not Have to Pay Its \$4.7 Billion Court Verdict

### News

While a \$4.7 billion jury verdict against Johnson & Johnson in July was eye-popping, J&J may pay far less, or nothing, reports Bloomberg. No verdict of that size has survived appeal.