

# Lawsuit Claims El Paso Doctor, Lawyer Conspired to Violate State Law

## *News*

An El Paso neurosurgeon is the subject of a lawsuit filed last week, accused of unlawfully conspiring with a local attorney to solicit legal representation for a dying truck wreck victim, according to a release from Androvett Legal Media & Marketing.

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# The Supreme Court Power Index: Judging the Most Powerful Judges

## *News*

A new study by Above the Law takes a unique approach to ranking the influence and impact of justices of the U.S. Supreme Court by rating them based on the career success of their former clerks.

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# Suit Alleges Trump

# Endorsements Misled Consumers and Defrauded Investors

## **News**

Defendants include President Trump, the Trump Organization and children Donald Trump Jr., Eric Trump and Ivanka Trump.

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## Argument Preview: How Should Courts Decide If Parties to an Arbitration Contract May Aggregate Their Claims?

### **Insight**

SCOTUSblog reports that in *Lamps Plus Inc. v. Varela*, the U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit correctly held that an employer consented to class arbitration.

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## Contract Case: Lack of Consideration – Or Not!

### **Insight**

Writing in ContractsProf Blog, Myanna Dellinger discusses a case that “nicely demonstrates how the consideration doctrine

is still relevant and, as always, the importance of getting contracts in writing even though they do not *have* to be.”

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## **Company Couldn't Cut Disabled Worker's Benefits, So It 'Went Rogue' and Had Him Arrested, Lawyer Says**

### **News**

An attempt to prosecute a man drawing disability payments for an on-the-job injury drew a withering rebuke from a judge, and now the man is suing the insurance company for malicious prosecution.

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## **Former Foley & Lardner Partner Suspended for Falsifying Documents in IRS Audit of Wealthy Clients**

### **News**

A former Foley & Lardner partner was suspended two years by the state Supreme Court for lying to the IRS during an audit of two wealthy estates connected to a major area business,

reports the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

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# Conservative Group Suspends Clerkship Boot Camp After Questions About Secrecy and Loyalty Pledges

## **News**

Application materials told prospective clerks that “generous donors” were making “a significant financial investment in each and every attendee.”

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# Florida Supreme Court Foils Governor's Plan to Pick New Justices

## **News**

The Florida Supreme Court's ruling is a major rebuke to incumbent Gov. Rick Scott, who wanted to pick the new justices before he leaves office.

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# Firms Cite 1851 Law in Fatal Missouri Duck Boat Accident, Seek Mediation

## *News*

The companies' petition states that under the federal law, they would not owe any damages because the boat carried no freight and was a total loss.

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# Champagne Remark May Cost Lawyer \$289 Million Bayer Award

## *News?*

Brent Wisner, the lead trial attorney who in August convinced a jury that Monsanto Co.'s Roundup weed killer caused his client's cancer, irked the judge handling the case so profoundly that she's considering tossing the verdict and ordering a new trial, reports Bloomberg Law.

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# Recent Oil and Gas Verdict

# Highlights Importance of FLSA Compliance

## *Insight*

A recent case from the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania highlights how expensive a Fair Labor Standards Act case can be.

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# Discrimination Defense Lawyer Confirmed for Trump Civil Rights Post

## *News*

Bloomberg Law reports that the U.S. Senate has confirmed Eric Dreiband, a Jones Day attorney who defends companies accused of discrimination, to lead the Justice Department office that enforces anti-bias laws.

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# Texas Lawyer Who Claimed Political Donations Influenced Appeal Faces

# Possible Discipline

## **News**

Plaintiffs' lawyer John McCraw of Dallas is facing possible disciplinary action because he filed a motion asking two appellate court justices to remove themselves from a case, according to *Dallas Observer*.

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# Contracting Around Class Actions, a Win for Employers

## **Insight**

A recent Ninth Circuit ruling that Uber's arbitration agreements did not violate the National Labor Relations Act provides a major victory to Uber by requiring each plaintiff to separately arbitrate his or her claims.

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# Morrison & Foerster Will Eat \$16M in Fees, Costs Pursuing Vets' Claims

## **News**

Bloomberg Law reports that Morrison & Foerster LLP accepted a fee award from the U.S. Army that's \$16 million less than the fee the firm could have sought.

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# **Vizio Reaches Potential Settlement for Its Spying TVs – And Victims Could Receive Less Than a Dollar**

## **News**

Vizio has announced a potential \$17 million settlement in a recent class action lawsuit, which could result in a pay-out that is as little as a few cents for each of the millions of affected customers, reports the *New York Daily News*.

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# **Founder of Tea Party Nation Has Been Disbarred for Trying to Scam Timeshare Owners**

## **News**

Tennessee attorney Judson Wheeler Phillips, a senior partner with Nashville-based Castle Law Group, was accused of taking off with the money he earned from the fraudulent transactions, the Tennessee Supreme Court has ruled.

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# **Class Action Royalty Litigation in the Shale Plays**

## ***Insight***

A Haynes and Boone post analyzes nationwide trends in the filing and certification of royalty class action cases, which result in much greater exposure to producers than individual royalty owner cases.

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# **Overqualified? Or Too Old? Ex-GC's Age Discrimination Case Takes Aim at Biased Recruiting Practices**

## ***News***

*The Chicago Tribune* tells the story of a former general counsel who had been unemployed and job hunting for three years when he came across a position that seemed promising, but the part that excluded any applicants with his years of experience.