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.

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.

North Carolina Bar Accuses

Florida Lawyer of Stealing From 2 Death Row Exonerees

News

Orlando lawyer Patrick Megaro took excessive fees when he pocketed a third of the awards despite having done virtually no work on their exonerations or compensation cases, the state bar alleges.

Federal Appeals Court Rules Uber Can Force Drivers Into Individual Arbitration, Voids Class-Action

News

The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco overturned a lower-court order that had certified the drivers' class-action effort.

Former Skadden Partner May Face Charges Related to

Manafort-Linked Ukraine Report

News

The report was written by Skadden attorneys about the 2011 trial of Yulia Tymoshenko, a former prime minister of Ukraine who was found guilty of abusing her office.

Cloak-and-Dagger Saga Over Cybercrime, Trump Dossier Plays Out in Miami Courtroom With Celebrity Lawyer

News

A federal courtroom in Miami is now the intersection for a celebrity attorney, two major cybercrimes and a foreign tech firm with an ephemeral South Florida address and entanglement in the Trump-Russia probe, reports the *Miami Herald*.

IBM Sued for Age Discrimination After

Thousands of Older Workers Laid Off

News

The lawsuit alleges that the plaintiffs are among thousands of IBM employees to be laid off recently as the result of a shift in IBM's focus to recruit millennials, reports *USA Today*.

West Mermis Co-Founders Earn National Recognition

News

Lawrence J. West and Joshua W. Mermis, co-founders of the Houston-based litigation boutique West Mermis PLLC, have both been named to the 2019 listing of The Best Lawyers in America as well as the 2018 listing of Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters.

'Outrageously Excessive' Requests for Attorney Fees Can Be Altogether Denied, 3rd

Circuit Says

News

Lawyers seeking the fees had admittedly tasked one lawyer with recreating time records that included vague descriptions and excessive hours, the appeals court said.

State Supreme Courts Increasingly Face Partisan Impeachment Threats

News

Lawmakers' partisan disapproval of rulings appears to be a strong motivator for ousting judges, according to *Governing*.

SEC Says Biotech Billionaire CEO Took Part in Pump-and-Dump Schemes

News

In a lawsuit filed in federal court in New York, the SEC alleged OPKO Health chairman and CEO Phillip Frost took part in three pump-and-dump schemes between 2013 and 2018, according to MedCity News.

MGM to Shooting Survivors: $500 Donation to Charity If They Waive Notice of Suit

News

MGM told the victims' attorneys it would rather make the donations to charities than spend the money to pay people to serve the legal notices, the AP reports.

Brett Kavanaugh's Expert Evasions, Learned From Past Masters

News

Even as he deflected most questions about legal issues, Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh was quick to say he was alert to the real-world consequences of his rulings, reports *The New York Times*.

Roy Moore Sues Sacha Baron

Cohen for $95M Over ‘Who Is America?’ Appearance

News

Moore’s complaint claims he was deceived and was defamed by “the false and fraudulent routine.”

Litigator Marlén Cortez Morris Joins Barnes & Thornburg in Chicago

News

Barnes & Thornburg has added Marlén Cortez Morris as a partner in the Litigation Department.

State Farm Ducks Racketeering Trial With $250 Million Accord

News

Policyholders had accused the company of leading an effort to recruit a judge friendly to its cause for the Illinois Supreme Court, Bloomberg reports.

Warren Burns Appointed Interim Lead Counsel in Online Price-Fixing Class Action

News

A federal judge has appointed Warren Burns of Dallas-based Burns Charest LLP as sole interim lead class counsel in a nationwide antitrust class action.

NBC News Faces New Accusations Its GC Threatened Reporter Over Weinstein Reporting

News

A new report alleges that NBC News general counsel Susan Weiner made multiple phone calls to the reporter, Ronan Farrow, threatening to smear him if he continued his reporting on Weinstein.

Senate Confirms Trump ‘Not Qualified’ Nominee and Obama Pick

News

The Senate reached a deal Tuesday to swiftly confirm seven federal district court judges, helping President Donald Trump put an enduring stamp on the U.S. judiciary, reports Bloomberg.

Former Barnes & Noble CEO Sues Over His Firing

News

CNN reports that Demos Parneros says in the complaint that Barnes & Noble fired him without cause and “irrevocably damaged” his reputation.