6th Circuit Tosses Contempt Order for Lawyer Arrested For Missing Court; ‘Embattled’ Judge Presided

News

The judge had ordered the arrest of Brent English after the lawyer didn’t appear for an Oct. 29, 2015, hearing to show cause why he shouldn’t be held in contempt for missing a prior court date, according to the *ABA Journal*.

‘Evasive Discovery Tactics’ Cost Lead Plaintiff Against Sanofi

News

Bloomberg Law reports that a plaintiff in a bellwether products liability case involving the chemotherapy drug Taxotere was sanctioned for withholding information about her medical history.

7th Circuit Tosses $3M Verdict in Suit Blaming Antidepressant Labeling for Biglaw Partner’s Suicide

News

The ABA Journal reports that a federal appeals court has overturned a $3 million award to the widow of a Reed Smith partner who blamed antidepressant labeling for her husband’s suicide.

Judge Slashes Attorneys’ Fees in Anthem Data Breach Settlement

News

The judge ruled that attorneys for the class action plaintiffs are entitled to $31 million in fees, $2 million in expenses, and $132,000 for other operation costs, according to Bloomberg Law.

Jury Awards Family $242 Million After Finding Toyota Liable for Children's Injuries in Crash

News

The family's legal team presented evidence they said showed engineering, design and structural issues with the front seat backs of the vehicle, according to *The Dallas Morning News*.

Lawyer's Alleged Misconduct Gets Her Jury Verdict Tossed as Sanction

News

Bloomberg Law reports that a federal appeals court has ruled that a district court had the right to toss a jury verdict as a sanction because of the severity of a lawyer's "continuous, contumacious" conduct.

Houston Day Care Center Sued

over Toddler’s Death in Hot Van

News

The family of a 3-year-old who died after being left for more than four hours in a Houston day care center’s van in late July has sued the operator for negligence.

How IRS Taxes Kill Plaintiff’s $289M Monsanto Weedkiller Verdict

Insight

If you are the plaintiff with a contingent fee lawyer, the IRS treats you as receiving 100% of the money, even if the defendant pays your lawyer directly, writes Robert W. Wood for *Forbes*.

Jury Hits Monsanto with $289 Million Verdict in Roundup Trial

News

Ruling in favor of former school groundskeeper Dewayne

Johnson, the jury awarded $39.25 million in compensatory damages and $250 million in punitive damages.

The Entire W.Va. Supreme Court Faces Impeachment for Alleged Corruption

News

Fourteen articles of impeachment allege corruption, maladministration, incompetence, neglect of duty and potential criminal behavior — impeachable offenses under the state constitution, according to *The Washington Post*.

Probate Judge Largely Wipes Out Widow's Big Verdict Against JPMorgan

News

The jury award was the highest in the U.S. for 2017, according to Bloomberg, but the judgment was reduced to $7.1 million, mostly in lawyers' fees.

Download: Basics of E-Discovery Guide (2nd Edition)

Insight

Exterro has published the second edition of its Basics of E-Discovery Guide and made it available for downloading at no charge.

‘He Has Torn My Head Off’: Manafort Judge Known for Being Tough During Trials

News

T.S. Ellis III regularly interrupts trial testimony with his own questions and demands that certain lines of inquiry be cut short, clearing up ambiguity that defense attorneys hoped to create, reports *The Washington Post*.

Army of Local Lawyers Itching to Fight Trump’s Policies

News

Lawyers for Good Government is led by executive director Traci Feit Love, a Harvard Law School graduate and former litigator for DLA Piper, one of the biggest law firms in the world.

Brett Kavanaugh Likely to Disappoint Conservatives With Recusals

News

The choice ultimately would be up to him, but analysts said they'd be shocked if he didn't sit out the case, according to *The Washington Times*.

Biglaw Partner Suspended After Accusing Small-Firm Litigator of Using Pregnancy to Delay Trial

News

"Parental leave is not a compelling circumstance justifying the severe prejudice" that will be caused by delaying the trial, Paul Reid argued.

US Duck Boat Operators Under Scrutiny Following Branson Drowning Tragedy

Insight

The latest tragedy should spur operators everywhere to take a close look at safety procedures and design issues and ensure that personnel are properly trained to respond to emergencies, said Steve Fernelius of Houston-based Fernelius Simon.

Las Vegas Shooting Victims Outraged Over MGM's Lawsuit Against Them

News

MGM Resorts International sued victims in at least seven states in a bid to get federal courts to declare the company has no liability for the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, reports the Associated Press.

Bitcoin Exchange Operator

Faces 40 Years in Jail for Lying to SEC

News

The virtual currency operator absconded with investors' assets, exchanging them into U.S. dollars to buy groceries and to pay for travel and other personal expenses, reports Bloomberg Law.

East Texas Firm Chalks Up $43.3 Million Med-Mal Verdict

News

In a new video, lawyers from Tyler, Texas-based Martin Walker PC discuss a recent medical malpractice case that yielded their client a $43.32 million verdict, including $25 million in exemplary damages.