Husch Blackwell Beats Suit Alleging It Tried to Silence Critic of Wealthy Client

News

A Missouri ruling is likely to end a contentious nine-year dispute between a local activist who claims that Husch Blackwell LLP, an AmLaw 100 firm – used the legal system to squelch his speech rights, according to Bloomberg Law.

Is the DNC's Lawsuit against Russia DOA?

News

Dallas attorney David Coale of Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst says the lawsuit has a lot of interesting points, but doesn't think it will survive long-term judicial scrutiny.

What to Do When You're in the Sexual Harassment Hot Seat

Webinar, May 2, 2018, 1 p.m. CDT

The #MeToo movement has many employers uncertain about the best ways to protect themselves from sexual harassment complaints and the right way to respond after a complaint has

been made.

Could Be Forced to Pay Billions Over Alleged Violations of Illinois Biometrics Law

News

Facebook has argued that if its collection of biometric information did not harm individuals, they do not have grounds to sue under Illinois' biometrics law, according to the *Chicago Tribune*.

Judge Says No to Law Firm on NFL Concussion Settlement

News

The Associated Press reports that a federal judge has denied a law firm's request to be added as an administrator of the NFL's estimated $1 billion concussion settlement.

Trump Alleged Scandals Turn a Harsh Spotlight on This Beverly Hills Lawyer

News

Keith M. Davidson’s niche is extracting money from celebrities for clients threatening to release sex tapes or share embarrassing stories with the media, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

Sandy Hook Parents Accuse Alex Jones, InfoWars of Defamation, Seek Damages

News

Plaintiffs in two lawsuits filed in Austin, Texas, allege that Jones and his media organization spread false information related to the tragedy, reports the *Austin Statesman*.

Sexual Misconduct and D&O Claims

Insight

Companies that have the suggested processes and procedures in

place are less likely to find themselves getting hit with these kinds of claims, writes Kevin LaCroix in The D&O Diary.

Making the Business Case for Upgrading Your Legal Hold System

Insight

Research results demonstrate a real rate of return on investment generated by automated cloud-based legal hold software, Zapproved says on its website.

JPMorgan Juror Says Doomed $8 Billion Award Was Message to Bank

News

Bloomber reports that the jury award was the largest of 2017 and the ninth-largest in U.S. history.

Target Pays $3.7M to Settle Lawsuit Over Racial Disparity in Use of Criminal Background Checks

News

As part of the settlement of the class-action complaint, independent consultants will recommend changes to Target's current screening guidelines, *The Minneapolis Star Tribune* reports.

Remington Bankruptcy Leaves $500M Question Over Pending Legal Claims

News

Remington is embroiled in litigation over trigger defects on guns such as its iconic Model 700 rifle, as well as another lawsuit by survivors of the children and teachers killed in the 2012 elementary school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, Bloomberg reports.

Supreme Court Prepares for Right Turn

News

CNN reports that indications from the few decisions issued so far and from oral arguments in yet-to-be decided cases suggest the five conservatives on the nine-member bench may be ready to wield their majority power.

Savannah Law School Student Sues for Fraud, Breaching Trust in Planned Closing

News

The plaintiff alleged the school's pending closure results "at least in part from the defendants' mismanagement of funding for the law school."

Paying the Price: The Pitfalls of Ineffective Liability Waivers

Insight

Hellmuth & Johnson lawyers Micheal D. Howard and Jason S.

Raether describe a recent case involving a fitness studio that demonstrates how a poorly drafted waiver can be as effective as having no waiver at all.

State Court Judge – Who Wouldn't Marry Same-Sex Couples – Suspended for 3 Years

News

The court found that the Marion County Circuit Court committed "willful misconduct" and made "willful misstatements" to investigators to cover up the truth, according to *The Oregonian*.

Morgan Lewis Scolded for Possible Conflict in Hotel Wage Case

News

Bloomberg Law reports that a judge concluded that Morgan Lewis "plainly violated" California attorney professional conduct rules by representing "both sides of the case" in a hotel workers' class action suit.

Plaintiff Lawyers See Nationwide Settlement As Only End For Opioid Lawsuits

News

The sheer complexity of the litigation raises questions about how the parties will craft an agreement that ends the threat of further lawsuits against the industry while distributing cash to all the varied entities who have sued, reports *Forbes*.

Ten-Week Telecommute Reasonable for In-House Counsel, Sixth Circuit Holds

News

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit found that ten weeks of telecommuting was a reasonable accommodation for a pregnant in-house lawyer put on bed rest, reports Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP.

Berkshire’s National Indemnity Ordered to Pay $43 Million for Asbestos Settlement

News

National Indemnity provided general liability insurance to the state at the time of the alleged exposure, but it had argued those insurance policies didn’t cover the asbestos-related claims, according to MarketWatch.