# JPMorgan Judge Upends $1.1 Million Whistle-Blower Verdict

***News***

A U.S. district judge says she saw prejudice in a jury's verdict Tuesday that would have awarded $1.13 million in damages to a former JPMorgan Chase & Co. employee over her dismissal, according to Bloomberg.

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# Jury Hits Hospital With $26M Med-Mal Verdict in Tragic Birth Case

***News***

Under a "high-low" agreement struck earlier by both sides, the plaintiffs agreed to receive a "high'' of $7.5 million if they won their suit and a "low'' of $1.5 million, even if they lost, reports the *New York Post*.

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# A Renewable-Energy Champion

# Is Suing His Scientific Critics

***News***

Stanford professor Mark Jacobson has sued a prominent energy researcher and the National Academy of Sciences for defamation over a sharply-worded rebuttal of his work, reports the *MIT Technology Review*.

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# Enforcing Nursing Home Arbitration Agreements Post-*Kindred*

***Insight***

A recent ruling for a state supreme court may be indicative of what litigation over nursing home arbitration agreements will look like after the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Kindred Nursing Centers v. Clark*, according to Arbitration Nation.

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# Judge Rebukes Manafort's Lawyer for Sidewalk Speech

***News***

"This is a criminal trial and not a public-relations campaign," U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson said at a

hearing Thursday, according to Bloomberg Law.

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# Federal Financial Resources Essential to Addressing Opioid Crisis

***News***

The financial costs of successfully treating opioid addiction are substantial, as are the costs of effective educational programs to stem the epidemic, says Dallas attorney Jeffrey Simon of Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett, who represents Texas counties suing drug manufacturers.

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# A Lesson from the 3rd Circuit on Arbitration Clauses: Say What You Mean

***Insight***

A recent decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit is a reminder that – for an arbitration clause to apply in certain situations or to certain parties – that intention must be built into the plain terms of the contract.

# Alternative Fee Arrangements With Outside Firms Level Off

*News*

The inherent unpredictability of many types of dispute could be placing a ceiling on the proportion of matters where both parties feel confident operating under an AFA, according to the 2017 Litigation Trends Annual Survey.

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# Winston & Strawn Lawyer Collaborates With Judge to Write Jury Trial Reference

*News*

The University of North Texas Press is releasing a lawyers' guide to courtroom preparation and strategy titled "On the Jury Trial: Principles and Practices for Effective Advocacy."

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# Dismissal of $472 Million

# Verdict v. J&J is Disaster for Talc Plaintiffs

***News***

A ruling that throws out a plaintiff's $417 million jury verdict against John & Johnson will affect many of the nearly 5,000 women who claim they developed ovarian cancer from J&J power containing talc, reports Reuters.

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# Texas Supreme Court Examines $48,000 An Hour Legal Fee in H.L. Hunt Case

***News***

Attorney Gregory Shamoun claims to have made a 50 percent contingency agreement with Albert Hill Jr. to settle the high-dollar family fight – an agreement that Hill Jr. is challenging, reports the *Houston Chronicle*.

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# How Lawyers Protect the Harvey Weinstein in Your

# Workplace

***News***

NDAs are geared to ensure that the fraction of people who do come forward can’t warn others or bring claims to light, all of which contributes to the culture of silence around workplace harassment, according to Bloomberg Law.

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# Florida Law Firm Fined $9 Million By Federal Court Over Tobacco Litigation

***News***

Farah & Farah and the Wilner Firm filed 1,250 frivolous tobacco claims against a trust fund for Floridians and survivors who suffered because of smoking, the court found.

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# GM to Pay $120M in Multistate Defective Ignition Switch Settlement

***News***

The settlement is tied to violations of consumer protection laws and is on top of GM’s previous penalties and settlements of an estimated $2.5 billion, according to *The Detroit Free*

*Press*.

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# Appeals Court Tosses $72 Million Award in Talcum Powder Case

***News***

The appeals court cited a Supreme Court ruling in June that placed limits on where injury lawsuits could be filed, saying state courts cannot hear claims against companies not based in the state where alleged injuries occurred.

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# Jury Slaps JPMorgan Chase with $6 Billion-Plus Verdict in Sabre Creator’s Estate

***News***

A jury has awarded the widow and heirs of Sabre airline reservation system pioneer Max D. Hopper more than $6 billion in damages after finding JPMorgan Chase in breach of its fiduciary duty in administering the multimillion-dollar Hopper estate.

# Proving Liability in Las Vegas Shooting Could be Challenging

***News***

Despite the reported size of the killer's estate, given the large number of potential claims related to the horrific injuries and deaths he caused, the chance that any particular victim will be justly compensated from the estate does not appear to be likely, says Dallas attorney Timothy Zeiger.

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# J&J Blames Jury Misconduct for $417 Million Talc Verdict

***News***

Johnson & Johnson said a $417 million verdict in a talc powder cancer case should be thrown out because three jurors were excluded by fellow panelists from the decision-making process, reports Bloomberg Technology.

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# Las Vegas Firm Files Lawsuit Against Bump Stock Manufacturer

***News***

Eglet Prince law firm filed the 30-page suit in state district court, citing claims of negligence, infliction of emotional distress, products liability and public nuisance, according to the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*.

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# Fox News' General Counsel, Under Legal Siege, Takes Leave From Network

***News***

Dianne Brandi could prove to be a key figure in a federal investigation because of her long and close association with Roger Ailes, who was ousted from Fox last year amid harassment allegations, reports *The Washington Post*.