Facebook and Its Lawyers Slammed by Judge in Terrorism Suits

News

The judge also chewed out the company's law firm, saying "it is outrageous, irresponsible and insulting" for sending a first-year associate to handle the hearing.

Texas-Sized Business: Critics, Lawyers Discuss Controversy Behind Personal-Injury Attorneys

News

Jim Adler, who bills himself as the "Texas Hammer," Adler can be seen in TV spots standing on semitrucks telling viewers he "will hammer the big trucking companies down to size."

Freedom of Contract? An

Agreed Damages Clause May Not Actually Be Agreed

Insight

The right of contracting parties to obligate themselves to one another has always been subject to certain statutory limitations, as well as those imposed by the common-law principles that govern the enforcement of contracts generally, writes Glenn West for Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

House Democrats Ask for Justice Investigation as New York AG Looks Into Trump Foundation

News

The committee's Democrats allege that the donation in 2013 "may have influenced Mrs. Bondi's official decision not to participate in litigation against Mr. Trump," and asks Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch to explore whether federal bribery or other laws might have been violated

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Oil Producers Can Avoid Earthquake Potential over Disposal Wells

Insight

Contracting out the disposal of oil and gas well wastewater may not totally free producers from a potential lawsuit given the recent widespread publicity about earthquakes, says Leonard Dougal, an environmental lawyer with Jackson Walker LLP in Austin.

What Clinton Won’t Say: Whether Garland Is Her High Court Pick

News

The Democratic presidential candidate has studiously avoided saying whether she would renominate Garland for the vacancy if it is still pending next year, writes Bloomberg’s Greg Stohr.

After the Storm – Key Force

Majeure Issues in Contracts

Insight

Many contractual provisions and some statutory provisions require a party that is claiming force majeure to notify the other parties to the contract of the event of force majeure, write Raedtha A. Vasquez and Edward Hart Bergin, partners in Jones Walker LLP.

Big Year for this Trial Firm

News

The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson tallied some of the firm's recent victories, including a $10.9 million verdict for the families of two north Texas grandmothers who died as a result of injuries from the crash of a the Choctaw Casino chartered bus.

Litigation Finance: Driving Law Firm Profitability

Event, Sept. 21, 4:30 p.m.

Bloomberg BNA and Bentham IMF will hold an executive briefing and reception that explores how firms are integrating financing into their litigation practices.

Legal Experts Shocked by Fox’s $20 Million Settlement With Gretchen Carlson

News

Some of the experts LawNewz.com talked to said the case could open the door to more sexual harassment claims in the workplace, and some were surprised by the high dollar amount that 21st Century Fox agreed to pay.

Lawyer.com Hit with Defamation Class Action Over Lawyer-Grading System

News

A Kentucky lawyer has sued Lawyer.com LLC and World Media Group LLC, alleging the site’s grading system for lawyers violates New York and other state consumer protection statutes, reports Legal NewsLine.

Continuing Bad Faith: Theory of Liability or Rule of Evidence?

Insight

When a bad faith lawsuit converts the quasi-fiduciary relationship with the policyholder into an adversarial one, how does a policyholder lawsuit affect the insurer's duty of good faith? And, how does the insurer's duty of good faith affect the lawsuit?

Female Lawyer's Gender-Bias Suit Challenges Law Firm Pay Practices

News

Kerrie L. Campbell has sued Chadbourne & Parke for a total of $100 million on behalf of herself and other female partners who, she said, receive less compensation than male partners even when they bring in more client revenue, reports *The New York Times*.

Alabama Law Firm Says It Has Received 26k Calls After Talcum Powder Verdicts

News

A law firm in Montgomery, Ala., says it received nearly 26,000 phone calls from people inquiring about a possible link between talcum powder and ovarian cancer after its clients won a total of $127 million in two verdicts earlier this year, reports AL.com.

Avoid Nullification of Contractual Indemnity Protection

Insight

Because of unforeseen risk, additional insured endorsements have been revised to link contractual indemnity obligations to additional insured coverage, writes James J. Buldas of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti LLP.

One of Peter Thiel's Fellows

Created a New Startup That Will Fund Lawsuits

News

A new startup, Legalist, is looking to make money from the practice of bankrolling lawsuits, reports Business Insider. The startup plans to fund those that it calculates has a chance to win.

Headhunter Scorned: Inside a Failed Law Firm Placement

News

A Texas-based legal recruiter is seeking up to $1 million in damages from a Holland & Knight partner, saying the lawyer broke his promise and used another headhunter to place him at the firm after the recruiter discussed the opportunity with him.

Unions, Ledbetter Warn of Supreme Court Implications of Election

News

Donald Trump’s power to nominate Supreme Court justices if

elected to the White House is a threat to women workers, equal pay advocate Lilly Ledbetter and two union officials said, according to a report by Bloomberg Law.

Lawyer Accused of Fraud By U.S. in BP Oil Spill Case is Acquitted

News

Reuters is reporting that prominent Texas lawyer Mikal Watts was acquitted on Thursday of charges he made up thousands of fake clients to sue BP Plc for damages that the oil company caused in the 2010 Gulf of Mexico spill, court records show.

Law Firm to Investigate Cause of Fire at Sunoco Facility

News

Two workers injured in a flash fire at the Sunoco Logistics terminal in Nederland, Texas, have retained Provost Umphrey law firm to represent their interests.