

Coronavirus Class Actions—Part Two—A Few Weeks Later

News

Numerous COVID-19 related class actions have been filed throughout the country in various different spaces—consumer, mass tort, securities, labor & employment, and banking and privacy.

“Twisted” Path to New Trial for Dr. Paulus

News

A 2018 Sixth Circuit panel upheld a jury verdict convicting Dr. Richard Paulus of submitting fraudulent medical claims. That same panel, with 2020 hindsight(!), reversed that conviction.

Judge Rakoff Ends Litigation Fantasy

News

Olson was a putative class action brought by individuals who participated in DraftKings fantasy baseball competitions.

\$665,000 Settlement For East Bay Student Punished For Mock Terrorist Video

News

An East Bay school district has agreed to pay \$665,000 to settle a free-speech suit by a former student who was suspended from a leadership class, and briefly barred from serving as student body president, after posting a video that showed him as a James Bond hero fighting off terrorists.

Time to Settlement and Case Complexity

News

In 2019, 15 percent of cases settled within two years of filing, consistent with the rate over the last 10 years. The average time from filing to settlement in 2019 was 3.3 years.

'Landmark Settlement' With

Justice Companies Over Unpaid Safety Penalties

News

Coal companies owned by Gov. Jim Justice and his family have settled with federal agencies to satisfy more than \$5 million in unpaid penalties for violations of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act.

Texas Supreme Court Reinforces the Eight-Corners Rule, Or Does It?

News

In *Richards v. State Farm Lloyds* ... the Texas Supreme Court answered a certified question posed by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; namely, whether the absence of a clause requiring a carrier to defend claims that are “groundless, false or fraudulent” means that the “eight-corners” rule does not apply when determining the existence of a duty to defend.

Keep Learning While Your Case

Is in Limbo: Seven Ways to Use the Pause

News

One after another, like dominos, court systems are shutting down or moving to drastic restrictions. In the process, court dates are being pulled and cases are moving into limbo.

3 Prosecutors Resign Amid Probe Into Free Utah Jazz Tickets Provided By Defense Lawyer

News

Three prosecutors in Utah recently resigned amid an internal investigation into free Utah Jazz tickets they received from a defense lawyer who had appeared opposite them.

Lawyer Says Carr Issue 'Out Of Control'

News

Amid investigations, litigation and public scrutiny over allegedly exorbitant executive compensation at the Florida

Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Tiffany Carr, the woman at the center of the maelstrom, has remained almost silent.

D.C. Circuit Sidesteps Bristol-Myers Personal Jurisdiction Defense in Class Action, but Seventh Circuit Rejects It

News

Two federal appellate courts published notable opinions on the intersection between personal jurisdiction jurisprudence and Rule 23 class action procedure.

\$143 Million Columbia Gas Settlement Gets Final Approval From Judge

News

“A \$143 million settlement between Columbia Gas and thousands of people affected by the company’s 2018 pipeline disaster in the Merrimack Valley received final approval from a state judge on Thursday.

Hardwick Lawyer Donald Stolgitis Accused of Landlord Ruse, Violating Restraining Order

News

A Hardwick lawyer was arrested for the second time this year after he allegedly violated a restraining order by sending his former girlfriend a legal form letter using their landlord as an unknowing go-between.

Disbarred Lawyer Arrested Again

News

The most disciplined lawyer in the history of the state of Tennessee has been arrested again on new charges.

Court Suspends Lawyer Who

Repeatedly Violated Protection Order, Failed Drug Tests

News

The Ohio Supreme Court has suspended an Olmsted Falls attorney who repeatedly violated a protection order, lied to police about violating the order and tested positive for cocaine use, which violated the terms of his probation.

A General Counsel's View of Arbitration Clauses in Employee Contracts

Insight

One of the big upsides to arbitration from Fairey's point of view is that the process takes a lot of the emotion out of a dispute.

DA on Colorado's Eastern Plains Indicted by Grand Jury

on Drug, Misconduct Charges

News

Brittney Lewton, a district attorney who represents seven counties on Colorado's Eastern Plains, was indicted Thursday by a grand jury on drug and official misconduct charges.

Hold Onto Your Knickers: Biglaw Partner Said 'Damn' At The Supreme Court

News

During Supreme Court oral arguments earlier this week, a Biglaw partner dropped a 'damn' to colorfully illustrate his point.

Lawyer Sues Barrington Over 'Unlawful' Arrest

News

An East Providence lawyer who specializes in asbestos litigation is suing the Town of Barrington over his arrest on assault and disorderly conduct charges that were later dismissed.

Can a Third-Party Successfully Sue You for Failing to Provide Service Beyond the Scope of Your Contract?

Insight

A Florida appellate court concluded that a security services provider could not be held responsible for allegedly failing to protect a person who was criminally attacked.