

# **Norton Rose Fulbright strengthens its Global Cybersecurity and Privacy group with New York partner**

Norton Rose Fulbright hires Annmarie Giblin as a partner in the firm's New York office. She joins the Cybersecurity and Privacy practice group.

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# **Norton Rose Fulbright names Ghaznavi as Chicago office Co-Partner-in-Charge**

Norton Rose Fulbright announced that Sameer Ghaznavi has been named Co-Partner-in-Charge of the firm's Chicago office, joining the office's Co-Partner-in-Charge Daniel Farris.

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# **DISCO Unveils Cecilia Deposition Summaries, an**

# Advanced Tool That Gives Lawyers Fast Analysis of Witness Testimony

Legal tech company showcases growth of generative AI capabilities while offering glimpse of upcoming products at Legalweek in New York

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## DISCO Announces C-Suite Elevations For Key Customer and People-Focused Roles

DISCO, a leader in AI-enabled legal technology, announced today the promotion of two senior leaders to C-level roles. Melanie Antoon will serve as DISCO's first Chief Customer Officer (CCO) and Karen Herckis has been appointed Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO).

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## Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani Announces Rebrand to GRSM50

Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, the 20th largest law firm in the United States, today unveiled its new "GRSM50" brand.

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# **Womble Expands Denver Team With Return of Business Litigation Partner**

John Hawk has rejoined Womble Bond Dickinson as a partner in the Business Litigation Group. Previously with Womble from 2006 to 2021, Hawk is the first partner addition to the Denver office since it was opened last month. He rejoins Womble from Fox Rothschild.

Hawk has represented Fortune 500 companies for nearly two decades in complex commercial disputes. While his experience is diverse, he has particularly deep knowledge of consumer finance and insurance litigation. He defends banks and other lenders, mortgage servicers, and life and disability insurers in state and federal courts, including cases brought under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, and Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

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# **Litigation Partner Joins Womble in Northern Virginia**

I'm writing to share the news that Gina Schaecher has joined as a Partner with Womble Bond Dickinson's Business Litigation group in Tysons, Virginia. Gina is the latest addition to the firm's Business Litigation group which has welcomed 35 lawyers

in the last year.

Gina focuses her practice on commercial disputes in state and federal court and representing owners, general contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals in construction disputes, corporate governance matters, and general commercial litigation.

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## **Womble Continues Nationwide Expansion of Litigation Practice With Partner Kristina Moore in DC**

Kristina M. Moore joined Womble Bond Dickinson's Business Litigation group in Washington D.C.

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## **Womble Adds Depth to International Bench With Corporate Partner in Raleigh**

Hideki Akiyama has joined Womble Bond Dickinson's Corporate & Securities group in Raleigh.

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# **Legal Departments See Higher Matter Volumes but Flat or Declining Budgets: Thomson Reuters 2023 Legal Department Operations Index**

Thomson Reuters released the 2023 Legal Department Operations Index noting multiple challenges legal departments face, including growing workloads, shrinking budgets, and a need to increase their use of technology.

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# **LITTLER'S BARRY KURETZKY AND GEORGE J.A. VASSOS NAMED TO THE BEST LAWYERS IN CANADA 2024 EDITION**

Barry Kuretzky and George J.A. Vassos have been recognized in the 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in Canada™ in Labour and Employment Law.

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# **Womble Opens Denver Office with Leading Global Energy Natural Resources Team**

Womble Bond Dickinson has opened an office in Denver with the addition of prominent partners Scot Anderson and Ana Maria Gutiérrez from Hogan Lovells.

Womble Bond Dickinson's expansion into Denver marks its 32nd office internationally and its fifth U.S.-based opening in the last 18 months.

Scot, who has decades of experience in oil, gas and mining and a deep understanding of the extractives industries, will serve as Denver office managing partner. He is the former head of the global Energy and Natural Resources industry sector at Hogan Lovells. Ana is recognized for her knowledge of environmental, regulatory and permitting issues affecting many industries

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# **Construction Law Partner Eric Berg Joins Barnes Thornburg's Chicago Office**

Barnes & Thornburg announced today that Eric Berg has joined the firm's Chicago office as a partner in the Litigation Department. Eric joins from an AmLaw100 firm where he led the nationally ranked Construction Law practice.

Eric has over 30 years of experience litigating and providing

counsel on a range of construction law issues and formerly served as deputy general counsel for a large U.S. provider of dredging services.

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## **wiggin(x) Launches Unique, Comprehensive Suite of Outsourced GC**

Wiggin and Dana's wiggin(x) division today announced the launch of goldilo(x), a novel approach to providing outsourced general counsel services for startups.

wiggin(x) collaborates with each goldilo(x) client to deploy Wiggin partners who can deliver specific legal services that align with the client's needs and budget. The goldilo(x) offering spans several tiers as well as the ability to create a "just right" set of services to meet unique needs.

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## **Adrienne Gurley, Former SEC Enforcement Attorney and Assistant U.S. Attorney, Joins Venable's**

# **Investigations and White Collar Defense Practice in Los Angeles**

Adrienne Gurley, Former SEC Enforcement Attorney and Assistant U.S. Attorney, Joins Venable's Investigations and White Collar Defense Practice in Los Angeles

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# **Buchalter Adds New Shareholder in Scottsdale**

Buchalter is delighted to welcome Christopher Rogers as a Shareholder in its Scottsdale office and as a member of the Corporate Practice group.

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# **DISCO Showcases Product Momentum and Expansive Vision Designed to Accelerate AI Innovation at ILTACON**

Legal tech company DISCO launches AI Timelines, prepares for general availability of Cecilia, and offers a glimpse into its next generation of AI products



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## **Barnes & Thornburg Adds Corporate Partner Joseph Morrison Jr. in Southeast Michigan**

Joseph Morrison Jr. has joined Barnes & Thornburg's Southeast Michigan office as a partner in the Corporate Department. He follows the addition of Kevin DiDio who joined the firm's Corporate Department in Southeast Michigan earlier this year.

Joe's practice focuses on serving as an outside general counsel for entrepreneurs, investors, and high-growth companies throughout the U.S. He also advises on technology and intellectual property licensing, venture and institutional financing rounds, governance matters, and employment and real estate issues. Prior to private practice, he was an information technology (IT) consultant for an international business consulting company.

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## **Womble Adds Finance Partner to Specialty Lending Practice**

Eryn Brasovan has joined Womble Bond Dickinson's Special Lending Practice in the firm's Baltimore office.

She has extensive experience encompassing a variety of

transactional and regulatory matters related to the financial services and insurance industries, including consumer and commercial lending, mergers and acquisitions, regulatory compliance and risk management, and litigation and dispute resolution.

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## **Trim v. Reward Zone USA LLC: Text Messages Are NOT Prerecorded Voice Messages**

Trim v. Reward Zone USA LLC: On August 8, 2023, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a major TCPA victory for Klein Moynihan Turco on behalf of not only Reward Zone, but the entire telemarketing industry.