GC and CEO of Bank That Hid Drug Cash Face U.S. Criminal Probe

News

Bloomberg reports California bank branches near the Mexican border became a pipeline for the profits of organized crime starting in 2009, according to the Justice Department.

Ex-Biglaw Partner Said He Shot His Wife By Accident — Jurors Didn't Buy It

News

It's unclear whether the jurors who leaned toward involuntary manslaughter knew they were accepting a deal that would likely send McIver away until death," the *Journal-Constitution* reports.

Dallas Lawyer Who Planted Niece in Government Job As a

‘Mole’ Gets 10-Year Max for Medical Fraud

News

Prosecutors say Dallas lawyer Tshombe Anderson and his family members used trickery and outright fraud, according to *The Dallas Morning News*.

Accepting a Pardon From Trump Could Add Booster Rockets to State Prosecutions

News

In a landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1915, justices stated that individuals have a right to refuse a pardon because “acceptance” of one carries with it a “confession of guilt.”

Ponzi-Scheming Company’s GC (and Texas State Senator) Guilty on 11 Charges

News

Prosecutors said the state senator used his prestige to lend

credibility to the company for which he served as general counsel.

Mueller Gets Plea, No Cooperation, as Skadden Lawyer Admits Lies

News

Alex van der Zwaan faces as long as six months in jail under advisory guidelines, according to Bloomberg Law.

Ex-Biglaw Partner Gets 7 Years for Money Laundering

News

Above the Law reports on the sentencing of the one-time legal star who the government referred to as a “prolific money launderer.”

Former Associate Gets Jail Time In Biglaw Extortion Case

News

Prosecutors had asked for a three-month prison sentence for Michael Potere, but the U.S. district judge handling the case sentenced him to five months, plus a year of supervised release.

In-House Counsel Disbarred For Videotaping Women In Office Bathroom

News

James Patrick Stanton, formerly in-house lawyer with a Florida maintenance company, was alleged to have videotaped women showering, using the toilet and changing clothes in restrooms, reports the *Tampa Bay Times*.

Fired Ex-Partner Crashes Firm's Holiday Party and

Kills Ex-Boss

News

A former partner of a California law firm showed up at the firm's holiday party and killed his ex-boss before turning the gun on himself, reports the *Long Beach Press-Telegram*.

Martin Shkreli's Former Lawyer May Join Him in Prison for Helping to Defraud Investors

News

Evan Greebel, former lawyer of "Pharma Bro" Martin Shkreli, was convicted Wednesday by a federal jury of conspiring with his ex-client to defraud investors, reports *Newsweek*.

Unsealed Court Docs: Flamboyant Lawyer's Alleged Death Threats, 'La Cosa

Nostra’ Connections

News

The FBI arrested the Staten Island lawyer on a slew of charges, including kidnapping, kidnapping conspiracy, money laundering, brandishing a firearm to commit a crime, aggravated identity theft and extortion conspiracy.

Fugitive Lawyer Back in U.S. After Arrest at Pizza Hut in Honduras

News

Honduran authorities captured Eric Conn and handed him over to the FBI for a private plane ride back to Lexington, Kentucky.

Ex-Akin Partner Guilty of Trying to Sell Secret U.S. Whistleblower Lawsuits

News

As a former employee of the Justice Department, Jeffrey Wertkin had access to lawsuits filed by whistleblowers against companies on the government’s behalf to recover taxpayer funds paid out based on fraudulent claims.

Ex-WellCare General Counsel Gets Six Months in U.S. Prison

News

A former general counsel of insurer WellCare Health Plans Inc. has been sentenced to six months in prison for making a false statement to Florida's Medicaid program, Reuters reports.

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.

Mueller Pierced Manafort's Attorney-Client Privilege

Once, May Try the Tactic Again

News

Judge rules, “When a person uses the attorney-client relationship to further a criminal scheme, the law is well established that a claim of attorney-client or work-product privilege must yield to the grand jury’s investigatory needs.”

With Killer Still on the Loose, Associates of Slain Kansas Lawyer Are Fearful

News

Within minutes of attorney Tom Pickert’s murder Wednesday morning at his Kansas City-area home, his colleagues in a recent case started worrying about their own safety, reports *The Kansas City Star*.

Fired Associate Takes Plea Deal In Biglaw Extortion

Charge

News

Above the Law reports that Michael Potere accepted the deal that included dismissal of an underlying indictments that included a charge of extortion. That charge carried a possible sentence of up to 20 years in prison.

Wilmington Trust $60M Settlement Gets Criminal Charges Dropped

News

Wilmington Trust Corp., the only financial institution to be criminally charged in connection with the federal bank bailout program, reached a $60 million settlement with prosecutors Tuesday.