

# Labor Board Burns Through Obama-Era Rules

## *News*

In recent days, the independent board tasked with enforcing fair labor practices and collective bargaining rights overruled three Obama-era rules in a series of 3-2 rulings, *The Hill* reports.

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# Can You Really Shut Down Your Company a Week After Your Workers Unionize?

## *News*

If lawyers decide to pursue a case charging that Ricketts acted illegally, they'll have to prove that some part of the business is still operating, according to the *Pacific Standard*.

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# Billionaire CEO Shuts Down Publications After Vote to

# Unionize

## News

The CEO of a group of digital local news sites shut down the publications a week after reporters and editors in the combined newsroom of DNAinfo and Gothamist voted to join a union, reports *The New York Times*.

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## NFL Players May Have an Ally in Their Protests: Labor Law

## News

“If they’re standing up for other players’ rights to kneel in the context of their job and keep their job, it seems to me to be protected concerted activity,” law professor Matthew Bodie said.

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## Ex-Fiat Chrysler Executive Charged in Union Official Payoff

## News

A former Fiat Chrysler executive has been charged with looting a training center for blue-collar workers by giving \$1.2 million through a variety of ways to a UAW leader, his wife

and other senior union officials, according to an Associated Press report.

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## **Akerman Labor & Employment Partners in New York, Denver, Miami, and DC**

### **News**

Akerman LLP has expanded its Labor & Employment Practice Group with partners Angela Hart-Edwards in Washington, D.C., Colin Barnacle in Denver, Denise Gavica Perez in Miami and Rory McEvoy in New York.

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## **Ruling Against Acting NLRB GC Offers Opportunity for Employers**

### **News**

Employers who want to challenge their unfair labor practice complaints may want to delay their cases from being heard, according to a source quoted by the Society for Human Resource Management.

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# Houston Janitorial Service Wins \$7.8 Million from Union Over Disparagement

## *News*

A Harris County jury has delivered a \$5.3 million verdict against the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) for wrongly disparaging Professional Janitorial Service of Houston when the company refused to recognize the union without a secret ballot by its employees.

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# NLRB Administrative Judge Finds Employee Facebook Post Was Protected Speech

## *News*

A recent decision by the National Labor Relations Board attempts to define further the boundaries of protected speech under the National Labor Relations Act, reports Seyfarth Shaw in its Employment Law Lookout blog.

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# Computer Use Policies – Are Your Company’s Illegal According to the NLRB?

## *Insight*

The National Labor Relations Board has continued its assault on businesses and their ability to legitimately protect their computer systems and information against unauthorized non-business use by employees, writes Shawn E. Tuma, in *Cybersecurity Business Law*.

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# Wal-Mart Wage Hike to \$15 an Hour Would Cost It \$4.95 Billion, Study Says

## *News*

Labor groups have been demanding a \$15 minimum wage for the company’s workers, and the “Fight for Fifteen” movement has been a topic of discussion during the U.S. presidential campaign, reports Reuters.

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# America’s Top CEOs Pocket 340

# Times More Than Average Workers

## *News*

The top 500 chief executive officers in American companies earned 340 times the average worker's wage last year, taking home \$12.4m on average, according to an analysis by the AFL-CIO, reports *The Guardian*.