Busting the ‘Mean Girls at the Office’ Myth

Insight

Women often hold other women to higher interpersonal behavioral standards than men do, concludes a new book titled “It’s Not You, It’s the Workplace: Women’s Conflict at Work and the Bias that Built It.”

How Small Law Firms Can Improve Cybersecurity to Prevent Data Disasters

Insight

Breaches can inflict irreversible damage to a firm’s reputation, finances and client relationships. So why aren’t they taking cybersecurity seriously?

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70 Percent of Biglaw Firms Not on Board With $190K for First-Year Associates

News

A few Biglaw firms raised starting salaries for first-year

associates to $190,000 last June, but a study by the National Association for Law Placement reveals that most firms held to a more modest course on starting salaries in 2018.

Jones Day Wants Gender Discrimination Plaintiffs to Reveal Themselves to the Public

News

Jones Day's motion claims "the court's approval of the pseudonyms itself impugns Jones Day's reputation."

Lawyer Advertising Rules Proposal Draws Mixed Reactions from Texas Attorneys

Insight

Response to the ad proposal and other possible revisions led the State Bar of Texas' Committee on Rules and Referenda to scrap the original proposal and issue a new one based on the committee's work and public comments.

Former Practice Chair Says Dentons Owes Her Over $390K

News

Jessica Abrahams, now at Drinker Biddle & Reath, claims Dentons breached a contract that guaranteed she'd have the funds in her capital account returned to her if she left the firm.

Freelance Attorneys or Firms — What's the Difference?

Insight

Online freelance attorney marketplaces have opened up a world of opportunity for in-house legal departments. In-house counsel Greg Hoover discusses when and how to use freelance attorneys.

Law Firms Weigh Retirement Rules as Baby Boomers Keep

Practicing

News

Some firms have mandatory retirement ages and other limits on attorneys’ practices after a certain juncture. But plenty of them don’t.

BigLaw Firm Criticized for Lack of Diversity is Now No. 1 for Black Lawyers, New Report Says

News

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison took a hit on social media in December when a partnership promotion photo appeared to show just one woman and 11 white men.

If He Returns to Big Law, Robert Mueller Could Expect Lucrative Partnership

News

Some legal recruiters see $5 million annually as a starting point for Robert Mueller’s compensation in Biglaw.

Law Firm Sues Associate Who Quit After 1 Year

News

Above the Law reports on a law firm's breach-of-contract lawsuit against an associate who wants to leave the firm.

The KonMari Method to Effective Law Firm Marketing

Insight

Legal marketers can take a cue from Japanese organizing consultant Marie Kondo, whose KonMari method essentially boils down to taking stock of everything you own and then eliminating whatever fails to bring you joy, writes Bruce Vincent of Muse Communications.

Firings and Lawsuits Follow Discovery of Secret Bugging

Devices at Law Firm; ‘Very John Grisham’

News

The discovery of hidden cameras, microphones and recording equipment in a Florida law firm has led to firings, lawsuits and the departure of a name partner, according to *The Palm Beach Post*.

MoFo Faces Overbilling Lawsuit Alleging ‘A Billing Feeding Frenzy’

News

Plaintiffs allege that Morrison & Foerster had 34 different timekeepers bill 669 hours at a cost of $484,321 during a two-month period.

Ex-Winston Lawyer Can’t Be Forced to Arbitrate Job Claims

News

Bloomberg Law is reporting that a former Winston & Strawn LLP

intellectual property attorney can litigate—and can't be forced to arbitrate—her pay, bias, and retaliation claims.

Amid Growing Scandal, MoFo Launches Investigation Into Partner Justin Fairfax

News

The Morrison & Foerster partner is taking a leave of absence, according to an internal memo obtained by CNN.

IBM Watson in Quiet Talks With Law Firms to Expand AI Offerings

News

The company until now has mostly focused its legal business marketing of Watson to legal departments within large corporations, Bloomberg Law reports.

How General Counsel can Successfully Collaborate with Outside Attorneys

Insight

Three senior in-house attorneys discussed best practices for collaborating with outside counsel during a panel discussion at Ward and Smith's 2018 In-House Counsel Seminar, with a focus on leveraging technology, controlling legal spend, and managing succession.

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170 Top In-House Lawyers Warn They Will Direct Their Dollars to Law Firms Promoting Diversity

News

The letter was drafted after an online photo of 12 new partners at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison drew attention because it appeared to show 11 white men and just one woman.

New Advertising Rules Coming for Texas Lawyers, Law Firms

Insight

The requested revisions seem to streamline the rules and make them easier to understand and follow, although it will be difficult to determine the true impact until after the final language is approved and the rules are enacted.