# Vexed by Budget Uncertainty? When – and How – to Use Fixed Fees

***Insight***

Lurking in every legal department budget is a giant uncertainty: the outside counsel spend, warns a post on the website of Xakia.

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# Biglaw Firm Admits It Botched Handling of Sexual Assault Allegation Against a Partner

***News***

Above the Law reports that Baker McKenzie released a joint report last week that admits the way the firm handled the alleged sexual assault by a partner at the firm involved "a number of shortcomings … which we very much regret."

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# Legal Fight Erupts Over Lawyer's Advertising Slogan

***News***

*The ABA Journal* reports that a Florida attorney is suing San

Antonio lawyer Heather Clement Tessmer for using “Ever Argue With A Woman?” on billboards, the internet and business cards to pitch her legal services.

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# Law Firm Admits ‘Unjust Enrichment,’ Agrees to $23 Million Settlement

***News***

Stan Chesley, who was disbarred in Kentucky over his actions, was the sole owner of the firm, Waite Schneider Bayless & Chesley.

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# Biglaw Practice Leader Encourages Women to Tell Him If They Plan on Becoming Pregnant — For ‘Budgetary Reasons’

***News***

Above the Law reports that women in the Jones Day Business and Tort Litigation group have been “encouraged” to tell management if they were pregnant or planning on becoming

pregnant within the next year.

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# Biglaw Firm Reverses Course on Associate Raises, Now With $190,000 Starting Salary

***News***

Seventh-year associates at Fish & Richardson can look forward to salaries of $325,000 on the new scale, reports Above the Law.

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# Former Partner Hits Biglaw Firm With Explosive Gender Discrimination Charge

***News***

Rebecca Torrey's filing details allegations of a "boys' club" an environment that weighs "heavily in the favor of male partners."

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# Partners Forced Out As Biglaw Firm Considers Strategic Shift, It’s Reportedly A ‘Bloodbath Over There’

*News*

Above the Law reports that four partners in the London office of Ropes & Gray are being forced out following a strategic shift in the firm’s direction.

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# Bay Area Law Firm Archer Norris to Shutter, Costing 124 Jobs

*News*

A court-approved interim operations will allow the firm’s employees to be paid to keep working with clients until mid-September.

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# Law Firms Post Best Revenue

# Performance Since Recession

***News***

Bloomberg Law reports that rising demand and rates pushed law firm revenue up 5.5 percent in the first half of 2018, the strongest performance since the recession.

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# Partner Settles Bias Suit Against Her Law Firm, Proskauer

***News***

The partner alleged the firm’s hostile treatment caused her to take medical leave to deal with psychological and physical symptoms of emotional distress.

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# Latham Completes Makeover After Chair’s Scandalous Exit

***News***

The leadership changes come as mega-firms like Latham are locked in increasingly vigorous competition with high-profile rivals, according to Bloomberg Law.

# Law Firm PR Lessons Straight from Today’s Headlines

***Insight***

While it may be obvious, the public relations lesson provided in two examples is simple: always tell the truth.

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# Why Do Experienced Female Lawyers Leave? Disrespect, Social Constraints, ABA Survey Says

***News***

The ABA survey found that 54 percent of women in big law firms said they were responsible for arranging child care, as opposed to 1 percent of men.

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# Class of 2017 Notched Best JD

# Employment Outcomes Since Recession

***News***

The size of the 2017 graduating class was smaller, with just 34,922 graduates entering the job market compared to the historically large Class of 2013 that produced 46,776 job seekers, reports the National Association of Law Placement.

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# Why Big Law Firms Care About Which Law School You Attend

***News***

Biglaw jobs are enticing to many young attorneys, partly because of the six-figure salaries commonly paid to first-year associates at large law firms.

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# ‘Stupid, Dumb and Fat’ Comments Get Cleveland Lawyer Suspended

***News***

A Cleveland lawyer who has already paid a $300,000 settlement to his former paralegal for insulting her has now been suspended from the practice of law for six months.

# Firm Disqualified for Dropping One Client, Then Suing It for Another

***News***

A Massachusetts federal judge said Sunstein Kann Murphy & Timbers LLP's breach of duty of loyalty was clear and the situation was not "unforeseeable," reports Bloomberg Law.

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# Ex-Dentons Extortionist Faces Disciplinary Charges

***News***

Bloomberg Law is reporting that a former Dentons associate who stole the firm's confidential files and then tried to extort cash and artwork from the firm now faces attorney discipline charges.

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# S.H.E. Summit in Dallas Aug.

# 16 Will Focus on Gender Equality

***Event, August 16, 2018, Dallas***

S.H.E. Summit Bacardi Dallas is a full-day program that convenes female and male leaders to network and accelerate the global advancement of women with a goal of reaching gender equality by 2030.