Top Biglaw Firm Offers Signing Bonuses to Summer Associates

News

Above the Law reports that Andrews Kurth has offered a $3,500 bonus to their outgoing 1L summer associates if they accept their offers to return to the firm for their 2L summers within two weeks.

Participation Requested: 2nd Annual Law Firm Benchmarking Report

Survey

Exterro is conducting its 2nd Annual Law Firm Benchmarking Survey on law firms' legal processes, specifically relating to project management practices and e-discovery services.

Merger With Norton Rose Means No More Chadbourne & Parke

News

Above the Law reports that the combined firm, which will

operate under the Norton Rose Fulbright name, has about 1,000 lawyers in the U.S. , with roughly 300 of them in New York City alone.

DLA Piper Victim of Massive Malware Attack

News

The Petya virus has been spreading, locking companies out of their networks and demanding a ransom in cryptocurrency to unlock them, reports Bloomberg Law.

Class Action Accuses Steptoe & Johnson of Gender Bias

News

Ji-In Houck of Los Angeles says her starting pay at the firm as a contract attorney was barely half the $165,000 that inexperienced male lawyers made – though she had experience in civil litigation.

Vault Releases List: Top 100 Law Firms for Prestige for 2018

News

Vault based its ranking on scores from nearly 18,000 law firm associates surveyed earlier this year, who were asked to rate law firms on a scale of 1 to 10 based on prestige.

GC Requires Outside Law Firms to Encrypt Communications

News

Marsh & McLennan Companies' GC now requires the company's biggest outside law firms to use an anti-hacking electronic communication technology known as Transport Layer Security, according to a report from Bloomberg Law.

ConnectLive 2017 London Scheduled in London

Event, June 27-28, 2017

ConnectLive London 2017 will bring together iManage customers including CIOs, IT professionals, technical architects, legal administrators and professional services firm executives to

learn and share ideas on how professional work is changing and how the management of work product is adapting in response to those changes.

Dechert Lets Multiple Associates Go After Performance Reviews

News

Dechert's announcement this week that it has laid off several associates after a round of performance reviews may signal a boldness and lack of concern for public criticism that could spell trouble across the industry, writes Joe Patrice for Above the Law.

At Lunch With David Boies, 20 Years After His Departure From Cravath

Profile

Above the Law profiles legendary litigator David Boies, 20 years after he left Biglaw to found his own firm.

Managing Partners Say Their Lawyers Are Underperforming and Slow to Change

News

One of the findings is that business is moving in-house, and managing partners recognize that: 67.9 percent of respondents said they are already losing business to in-house legal departments.

Invitation: Summer Legal Conference, Berlin

Event, July 23-29, 2017

The CLE-qualified sessions will feature a diverse group of speakers, including a broad range of nationalities, backgrounds and ages, according to Knowledge Nomads.

Biglaw Firm Lays Off

Associates, Staff and Partners

News

One source who was briefed on the layoffs said the downsizing affects 40 lawyers, including associates and counsel, as well as 27 staff members, reports Bloomberg's Casey Sullivan.

Fear of Career Damage Led Woman to Sue Proskauer Anonymously

News

Bloomberg Law is reporting that Proskauer Rose has become the latest Big Law firm to be hit with a gender discrimination lawsuit by a female partner.

Planning Key to Handling the Death of a High-Profile Attorney

Insight

Failing to take a few necessary steps when a prominent member of the law firm dies is a recipe for potential confusion and

consternation among the attorneys at your firm, the firm's clients, and, importantly, the lawyer's family, writes Bruce Vincent for Muse Communications.

BigLaw Headhunter's Sexist Rant Leads to Apology, Leave of Absence

News

The managing director of a BigLaw recruiting firm somehow managed to describe "most legal recruiters" as women who "are quite attractive and fit," as well as "a little ditzy and [who do] not have the other sorts of qualifications that would make them qualified for the job," reports Above the Law.

Five Takeaways From Annual BigLaw Financial Report

News

Bloomberg Law has put together a summary of five takeaways from Thursday's release of The American Lawyer's annual report on the top 100 law firms, ranked by gross revenue.

The Repeat Ethical Offenders of Social Media

Insight

There are three types of social media violators that all lawyers should know about and avoid emulating: the double agent, the rebel, and the frenemy, writes Christina DiPinto of Muse Communications.

U.S. District Judge Sounds Off on Law Firms' High Billing Rates

News

The invisible hand of the free market hasn't been able to exert much control over law firm billing rates, U.S. District Judge Jed S. Rakoff said at a Cardozo School of Law panel discussion about the high cost of the legal system, reports Bloomberg Law.

Companies Use Diversity Data to Hold Law Firms Accountable

News

Facebook's new policy comes on the heels of HP's announcement

in February that it would start withholding fees from law firms that don’t meet diversity requirements,” reports Bloomberg Law.