The Biglaw Firms that Strike Fear in the Hearts of Opposing Counsel 2022

NewsIf you’re working in-house and dealing with bet-the-company litigation, you want the very best litigators in the world to be on your side. You want a firm with litigators so strong that opponents gasp in fear at the very

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Michelman & Robinson Exceeds Big Law with Pay Scale Starting at $230K

NewsLos Angeles-based midsize law firm Michelman & Robinson announced Tuesday a new associate salary scale starting at $230,000, outpacing Big Law’s latest pay rate for first years. The salary bumps taking effect

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The Real Threat to Biglaw’s Business Model

NewsBiglaw has a talent problem. It’s not that more recent law school graduates aren’t capable of doing the work that the industry demands of them, it’s that they are unwilling or at

least, less willing to put themselves through

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2 former BigLaw Associates Get Suspensions for Inflating Hourly Records

NewsThe Illinois Supreme Court has suspended two former BigLaw associates who were accused of inflating the time that they spent on cases. John Paul Paleczny, a Chicago lawyer who is a former associate at Lewis Brisbois

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Biglaw Associates Caught Overbilling Lose Jobs, Ability to Practice Law

NewsBilling is a huge part of working at a Biglaw firm. As an associate, your life is divided into tenths of an hour, and if you don’t meet your hourly requirements by year end, you can expect to be penalized accordingly

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Yet Another Biglaw Firm Delays Its Reopening Without Announcing A New Return Date

NewsOne by one, firms both small and large have been forced to revise their return-to-office plans due to COVID-19’s hyper-contagious Delta variant. Many firms that once hoped to host reopenings en masse post

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Top 20 Biglaw Firm Finally Decides It’s Time to Show Associates the Money Outside New York

NewsIt’s been a few months since Davis Polk blew the lid off associate salaries, and while many firms raised pay in some form or fashion, a great number of them adopted lockstep scales across the country. Some elite

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Biglaw Giant Continues to

Clean House After Bullying Allegations

NewsIt wasn’t that long ago that we told you about the Baker McKenzie partner who, ahem, moved on from the mega Biglaw firm following bullying allegations. The allegations against Morne van der Merwe,

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Top 50 Biglaw Firm Says A Full Reopening in 2021 is Unlikely

NewsThe morning air is getting brisk and summer officially ends in two days. Another thing that’s ending is Biglaw firms hopes and dreams of getting associates and staff back into their offices before the new year begins.

The Biglaw Firms that Provided the Best Client Service During the Pandemic

NewsWhich Biglaw firms are most beloved by general counsel for their superior client service? If that seems like it was a steep hill to climb during the pandemic, that’s because it

was. The BTI Consulting Group set to find

Biglaw Firm Boosts Salaries

NewsIt’s now mid-September, and some first are just getting around to raising associate salaries. Sure, this trend started back in June, but when it comes to compensation increases for attorneys…

Top 50 Biglaw Firm Postpones the Official Reopening of Its Offices Until 2022

NewsHour by hour, as billable time ticks away, Biglaw leaders have an important decision to make. Will they further postpone their planned office reopenings due to the hyper-contagious Delta variant of

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More than 100 Biglaw Firms

Tackled their Diversity Issues During the Pandemic

NewsDiversity continues to be a difficult concept for law firms to wrap their arms around, and to do so during a pandemic seemed all but impossible, but somehow, someway, they did it. More than 100 firms were able to

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Biglaw Document Review is the Perfect Backdrop for a Legal Thriller

NewsIn the latest episode of The Jabot podcast, I speak with Lindsay Cameron, author of the new thriller, Just One Look. The action in the book takes place against a backdrop of the most boring of legal work document review

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America’s No. 2 Biglaw Firm Finally Gets on Board with Vaccination for All

NewsCOVID-19’s Delta variant has really changed what the legal landscape will look like this fall. Dozens of large law firms were hoping for a safe reopening of their offices, but now

their proposed restart dates are being

Biglaw Firm Expands with New D.C. Office, Focusing on Antitrust and Trade

NewsYesterday, Fenwick announced they're opening a new Washington office, their sixth in the U.S., and that location will a focus on the antitrust and trade needs of their clients. At the office's launch, partners Thomas

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BigLaw Billable Hours Up

NewsAccording to a Wells Fargo Private Bank survey, associates at the 50 largest firms are on pace to bill how many hours this year – a notable increase over last year's billables?…

Deloitte Doesn't Want to Play in the Sandbox with the Big

Law Kids Right Now

span class=”excerpt”>NewsGiven the overlap between accounting and law services, it makes sense for the Big 4 to get in on the legal services action. We’ve always called the Big 4 the Walmart of professional services firms, but you can’t find a law

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Top Ranked Florida Biglaw Firm Issues Vaccine Mandate

span class=”excerpt”>NewsLaw firms continue to reverse course and change their plans when it comes to the reopening of their offices across thanks to the emergence of the COVID-19’s Delta variant. Vaccination mandates now seem to be the way

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Biglaw Firm Announces One Time Only Bonuses for Counsel and Senior Attorneys

span class=”excerpt”>NewsAs Above the Law has written many times in the past, compensation for Biglaw counsel is a bit of a crapshoot. At some firms, counsel watch senior associates blow by them in total compensation. While other firms