

# Blank Rome Adds Insurance Recovery Team in Los Angeles

## *News*

Blank Rome LLP has added Linda Kornfeld, David Thomas and Julia Holt to the firm's Los Angeles office in the Insurance Recovery group. Linda Kornfeld joined as partner and vice chair of the group, David Thomas joined as partner and Julia Holt joined as of counsel.

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# Clyde Siebman Named Dallas/Fort Worth Patent Trial Lawyer of the Year

## *News*

Siebman is the founder of Siebman, Burg, Phillips & Smith, LLP, which maintains offices in Plano, Sherman and the other Eastern District cities of Marshall and Tyler.

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# Grant Thornton's Jim Fortosis Receives Rising Star award

## *News*

Grant Thornton LLP's Jim Fortosis, a member of the firm's Risk, Regulatory and Legal Affairs team, has received a First

Chair Award for excellence in legal counsel.

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## **Dallas Law Firm Sayles Werbner Adds Commercial Litigation Attorney**

### ***News***

Commercial litigation attorney Hunter Polvi, formerly of Waco, has joined trial law firm Sayles Werbner.

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## **New Shareholder Joins Buchalter in Los Angeles**

### ***News***

Buchalter announces that Willmore (Bill) F. Holbrow III has joined the firm as a shareholder and member of the Intellectual Property and Litigation Practice Groups in Los Angeles.

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# Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy Lawyer Joins Michael Best

## *News*

Michael Best announces that Jonathan L. Gold has joined the firm's Washington, D.C. office as a partner in the Litigation Practice Group.

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# Kent Sullivan Appointed Texas Commissioner of Insurance

## *News*

Sullivan will oversee the Texas Department of Insurance, which regulates the insurance industry and protects Texas consumers.

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# Hunton & Williams Partner Named Arbitrator for EU-US Privacy Shield Framework

## *News*

Lisa Sotto, chair of Hunton & Williams' top-ranked global privacy and cybersecurity practice and managing partner of the firm's New York office, has been selected as an arbitrator in

connection with the EU-US Privacy Shield Framework Binding Arbitration Program.

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## **Former U.S. Ambassador to the EU Anthony Gardner to Join Sidley in London**

### **News**

Anthony Gardner, former U.S. ambassador to the European Union, has joined Sidley Austin as a member of the firm's International Trade and Privacy and Cybersecurity practices. He will work in both the firm's London and Brussels offices.

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## **Cynde H. Munzer Joins Dykema's Chicago Office**

### **News**

Dykema announced the addition of Cynde H. Munzer to its Corporate Finance practice group as a member in the firm's Chicago office.

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# **31 Farrell Fritz Attorneys Recognized as 2017 Leading Lawyers**

## ***News***

A combined total of 31 Farrell Fritz attorneys have been selected to the 2017 New York Metro Super Lawyers and New York Metro Rising Stars lists.

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# **Ethics Expert on Trump Lawyer's Steakhouse Disclosures: He Blew It**

## ***News***

"Incompetent," "unethical" and "bizarre" were some of the words lawyers and ethics experts used to characterize a loud, public conversation Trump lawyer Ty Cobb had in a restaurant about the Russia investigation.

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# **Dallas Trial Lawyer David Elrod Joins Shackelford,**

# **Bowen, McKinley & Norton**

## **News**

Also joining Shackelford are partner Worthy Walker, of counsel Barbara Wohlrabe and associate Hayley Ellison. The attorneys all have substantial experience in complex commercial and energy disputes in Texas and around the country.

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## **National Asian Pacific American Bar Honors Munck Wilson Mandala's Kelly Chen**

## **News**

Kelly Chen, a partner in the litigation section of Munck Wilson Mandala, has been selected by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association to receive the 2017 Best Lawyers Under 40 Award.

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## **Former Assistant to the US Solicitor General Ilana Eisenstein joins DLA Piper**

# Litigation Practice in Philadelphia

## *News*

Ilana Eisenstein has joined DLA Piper's Litigation practice as a partner in Philadelphia. She served three years as Assistant to the Solicitor General in the US Department of Justice.

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# Blank Rome Welcomes Former Small Business Administration Deputy GC in Washington, D.C.

## *News*

Blank Rome LLP announces that Martin Teckler has joined the firm as a partner in the Finance group in the Washington, D.C., office.

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# Michael Best Welcomes Corporate & Securities Groups from KLMR in Salt Lake City

## *News*

Michael Best announces the expansion of the firm's Salt Lake City office with the addition of six attorneys from the law

firm of Kruse Landa Maycock & Ricks, LLC.

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## **Gruber Hail Attorneys Honored in Best Lawyers, Super Lawyers Publications**

### ***News***

Attorneys at Gruber Hail Johansen Shank have been recognized multiple times with the publication of the latest Best Lawyers in America and Texas Super Lawyers listings.

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## **UC Berkeley's Chief Counsel Is Killed in Hit-and-Run Crash**

### ***News***

The California Highway Patrol reported that the driver of a BMW apparently lost control as he entered a curve on California 116, striking and killing Christopher Patti.

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# Michael Best Adds Litigator James Fieweger as Partner in Chicago

## *News*

Michael Best announced the addition of James Fieweger to the firm's Litigation Practice Group as a partner in Chicago.