# Litigator Raphael Larson Joins DLA Piper in DC

***News***

DLA Piper announced that Raphael Larson has joined the firm's litigation practice group as a partner in Washington, DC.

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# Neal Gerber Eisenberg Adds Partner to Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation

***News***

Hoseman works with employee benefit matters, including designing and administering qualified retirement benefit plans and welfare benefit plans.

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# Holland & Hart Expands Commercial Litigation Practice in Las Vegas

***News***

Holland & Hart announces the expansion of its litigation and trial services with the addition of Philip Hymanson, who will be based in the firm's Las Vegas office.

# Buchalter Adds Four Lawyers to New Sacramento Office, Brings Total to 13 in New Office

***News***

Buchalter announces it has added four additional lawyers to its growing Sacramento office from LeClair Ryan. Robert McWhorter joins as a shareholder, Kevin Collins joins as of counsel, and Jacqueline Vu and Jarrett Osborne both join as associates.

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# Chicago Firm Neal Gerber Eisenberg Adds Seth Pritikin in Corporate & Securities

***News***

Seth J. Pritikin has joined Neal Gerber Eisenberg in its Corporate & Securities practice group as a firm partner.

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# Hogan Lovells Adds to Global M&A and Tech Practice in Northern California

***News***

Hogan Lovells announced it will add high-profile M&A partners Richard Climan, Keith Flaum and Jane Ross, and IP and technology transactions partner John Brockland to its global corporate team.

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# UT Dallas Honors Former Texas Supreme Court Justice Deborah Hankinson

***News***

The UT Dallas Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor the school can bestow on its alumni and is presented to individuals who are outstanding in their chosen profession or life’s work.

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# Hogan Lovells Adds Real

# Estate Lawyer Lea Ann Fowler in Denver

***News***

Hogan Lovells announces that Lea Ann Fowler will join the firm’s Real Estate practice as a partner in the Denver office.

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# Greensfelder Welcomes Three Attorneys to Chicago Office

***News***

Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., announces the expansion of its Chicago office with the addition of three attorneys across the firm’s Securities & Financial Services, Litigation and Intellectual Property groups.

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# Thomas F. Bush Joins Freeborn as Partner

***News***

Thomas F. Bush has joined the Freeborn & Peters LLP’s Chicago office as a partner and member of the Litigation Practice Group and Insurance/Reinsurance Industry Group.

# Michael Best Adds Ex-DOJ Attorney to Environmental Resources Practice Group

***News***

Michael Best announced that John Sheehan has joined its Environmental & Natural Resources Practice Group as a partner in the firm's Washington, D.C., office.

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# Akerman's Dale Noll Installed as President of National LGBT Bar Association

***News***

Akerman LLP announced trusts and estates associate Dale Noll has been installed as president of the National LGBT Bar Association, the country's largest organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allied legal professionals

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# Former Archer Daniels Midland Lead Securities Counsel Joins Stinson Leonard Street

***News***

Former ADM Lead Securities Counsel Stuart Funderburg Joins Stinson Leonard Street in Decatur, Ill. He works in securities law compliance, capital markets and corporate governance matters

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# Eric Christofferson Joins DLA Piper’s Litigation Practice in Boston

***News***

Eric P. Christofferson, a former assistant US attorney, has joined DLA Piper’s Litigation practice as a partner in the Boston office.

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# Kenneth Crane and Rita Garry Join Freeborn Corporate

# Practice Group

***News***

Kenneth M. Crane represents private equity, venture capital and family office clients, focusing on acquisitions and sale transactions. Rita W. Garry focuses her practice on serving as outside general counsel to small and middle-market companies.

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# Quarles & Brady Names Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution Group Leaders

***News***

Edward A. Salanga has been named national chair of Quarles & Brady's Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice group, and partner Joshua D. Maggard will assume the newly established role of vice-chair of the Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution Group, effective immediately.

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# IP Veteran Van Lindberg Joins Dykema Cox Smith's San

# Antonio Office

*News*

Dykema Cox Smith announced the addition of IP lawyerVan Lindberg to its Intellectual Property group in the firm's San Antonio office.

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# Miami Lawyer's Pants Erupt in Flames During Arson Trial

*News*

A Miami defense lawyer's pants burst into flames Wednesday afternoon as he began his closing arguments in front of a jury – in an arson case, reports The Miami Herald.

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# McKool Smith Welcomes Frank Vecella From Ericsson

*News*

Frank Vecella, the former associate general counsel of litigation at Ericsson Inc., has joined McKool Smith as a principal in the firm's Dallas office.

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# Former Rick Perry Adviser Joins Barnes & Thornburg as Government Services Partner

***News***

Barnes & Thornburg LLP has added Bill Jones, former general counsel to Texas Gov. Rick Perry, to its Dallas and Washington, D.C., offices as a partner in the Government Services and Finance Department.