Ex-Employee Files $1.4 M Suit, Alleging Portland Car Dealership Covered Up Coronavirus Outbreak

NewsA finance manager at a used car dealership in Portland was fired by his boss during a staff meeting for questioning the company’s alleged cover-up of a coronavirus cluster.

Pilgrim’s Announces Agreement with DOJ Antitrust Division

NewsPilgrim’s Pride Corporation has entered into a plea agreement with the US Department of Justice Antitrust Division in respect to its investigation into the sales of broiler chicken products in the US.

Nissan’s U.S. Lending Arm to Pay $4 Million Fine Over Improper Repossessions

NewsNissan Motor Co’s U.S. lending arm agreed on Tuesday to pay a $4 million U.S. fine to settle a government agency’s

allegation that it improperly repossessed hundreds of consumers’ vehicles.

Prime Ordered to Notify Drivers $28M Settlement is Legit

NewsA U.S. District Court judge has ordered New Prime to send letters to 30,000 truck drivers to let them know that a $28 million settlement involving the Springfield, Mo.-based trucking company is legitimate.

Opioid Manufacturer Mallinckrodt Agrees to $1.6B Settlement

NewsGeneric opioid manufacturer Mallinckrodt has agreed to a $1.6 billion settlement to resolve a host of lawsuits that arose in response to tens of thousands of deadly opioid overdoses nationwide fueled, in part, by prescription drugs.

$56M Settlement with Columbia Gas Over Merrimack Valley Gas Explosions Approved

NewsA $56 million settlement that requires the natural gas utility found responsible for a series of explosions and fires in Massachusetts in 2018 has been approved by the state Department of Public Utilities.

Broward Attorneys Face Charges in Scheme to Steal Foreclosure Surplus Checks

NewsTwo Broward attorneys were arrested this week for their involvement in a nearly $750,000 fraud scheme to rip off unsuspecting victims of foreclosure surplus checks.

Lawyer’s False and Inflammatory Accusations Leads to Suspension

NewsThe Ohio Supreme Court today suspended a Lucas County attorney for two years, with six months stayed, for levying

false and inflammatory accusations against opposing attorneys, a magistrate, parties in two of his cases, and disciplinary officials hearing the complaints against him.

Class Settlement of Florida Hospital Overcharge Suit Approved

NewsMayo Clinic Jacksonville and a proposed class of 371 patients it treated for motor vehicle accident injuries received preliminary approval of a settlement involving claims the health-care provider overcharged them.

Johnson & Johnson to Pay $100M in Baby Powder Settlement

NewsJohnson & Johnson will pay out over $100 million to settle more than 1000 lawsuits that claim the pharmaceutical giant’s baby powder caused cancer.

Baltimore Attorney Facing Federal Indictment for Attempted Extortion

NewsA federal grand jury has indicted Stephen L. Snyder, age 72, of Miami Beach, Florida, on the federal charges of attempted extortion and interstate travel and use of an interstate facility to carry on unlawful activity, also known as the Travel Act.

Quincy Jury Awards $411M in Verdict for Paralyzed Gadsden County Veteran

NewsA $411.7 million verdict was returned for a veteran paralyzed in a 45-vehicle interstate pileup in 2018.

South Florida Lawyer Charged with Fraud Related to 1 Global Capital Investment

Scheme

NewsA Florida attorney and former outside counsel for 1 Global Capital LLC (1 Global), has been charged today with conspiring to commit wire fraud and securities fraud in connection with an investment fraud scheme that, as alleged, impacted more than 3,600 investors in 42 different states, and involved him personally and fraudulently raising more than $100 million from investors.

Sargeant Marine Pleads Guilty to FCPA Charges and Agrees to Pay $16.6M

NewsSargeant Marine, an asphalt company, plead guilty to one count of conspiracy to violate the anti-bribery provisions of the FCPA and agreed to pay a fine of $16.6 million for bribery schemes in Brazil, Venezuela and Ecuador.

State Gets $1.9 Million as Share of Data Breach Settlement

NewsKentucky will receive more than $1.9 million as its share of a settlement with a company over a data security breach

that compromised the personal information of 78.8 million Americans.

California Whistleblower, Carrier Lawsuit Settled For $116 Million

NewsAT&T and Verizon have now settled a California lawsuit started back in 2012, with either carrier agreeing to pay out amounts totaling to as much as $116 million.

Evel Knievel’s Son Suing Disney Over Alleged ‘Toy Story 4’ “Knock Off”

NewsThe son of famous stuntman Evel Knievel is suing Disney and Pixar over their Toy Story 4 character Duke Caboom.

After Refusing $30K Settlement Offer, Bad Faith Suit May Cost GEICO $2.7M

NewsMore than eight years after Bonnie Winslett tore up and threw away a summons that notified her she was being sued, the Georgia Supreme Court is being asked to resolve questions of law that will determine whether GEICO Indemnity Co. must pay approximately $2.7 million of a court’s award against her.

Google Parent Agrees to $310M Misconduct Lawsuit Settlement

NewsGoogle’s parent company has reached a $310 million settlement in a shareholder lawsuit over its treatment of allegations of executives’ sexual misconduct.

Four COVID-19 Litigation Trends That Are Affecting Businesses and Individuals

NewsIt has been six months since the initial wave of government mandated ‘stay-at-home’ orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, we have seen at least four

important litigation trends emerge.