

# District Court Says Cruise Ship Passengers Cannot Recover For “Fear of Contracting COVID-19”

## *News*

Judge Klausner, sitting in the Central District, dismissed a claim brought by a class of Princess Cruise Line passengers premised on their exposure to COVID-19 while aboard the now-infamous cruise ship that departed San Francisco for Hawaii on February 21, 2020.

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# New Prime Lawsuit Could End With \$28 Million Settlement

## *News*

A trucking lawsuit against carrier New Prime that has lasted five years and prompted a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court could be nearing an end.

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# Real Problems with Virtual

# Jury Trials: The Shallowing of Jury Pools

## *News*

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues with no certain end in sight, courts and lawyers alike must come to terms with the possibility that the conduct of trials may require dramatic changes to keep the wheels of justice turning.

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## Missouri AG Wants Charges Dropped Against AR-15 Couple Despite Remarkably Clear Statute

## *News*

St. Louis prosecutors recently charged attorneys Mark and Patricia McCloskey with 'unlawful use of a weapon' after their zany impromptu gun show a few weeks ago.

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## Ghost Ship Fire Victims To Receive \$32.7 Million

# Settlement From City Of Oakland

## *News*

The city of Oakland has settled a lawsuit with the victims of the 2016 'Ghost Ship' fire that killed 36 people.

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# Facebook's \$550 Million Settlement In Facial Recognition Case Is Not Enough

## *News*

U.S. District Judge James Donato of California, who is overseeing the case, says that payout is woefully inadequate.

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# Werner Student Drivers Deprived of Nearly \$800,000 Jury Verdict

## *News*

Tens of thousands of former Werner student trucker drivers won't see a dime of a six-figure verdict in a wage lawsuit

after a federal court determined a report from a key witness for the plaintiffs is inadmissible.

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## **Female Construction Workers Get \$1.5M Settlement in Sexual Harassment Case**

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## **No End in Sight for Business of ERISA Litigation**

*News*

ERISA litigation continues to flourish thanks to veteran plaintiffs' attorneys refining their strategies, newcomers entering the ERISA arena using traditional arguments and lawsuits being filed against smaller plans.

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## **Deutsche Bank Agrees to \$150**

# Million Settlement for Jeffrey Epstein Lapses

## *News*

Deutsche Bank AG agreed Tuesday to pay a \$150 million penalty to settle “significant compliance failures” in its dealings with convicted sex offender and financier Jeffrey Epstein.

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# Florida’s Largest Nursing Home Company, Faces Quarter-Billion-Dollar Fraud Judgment

## *News*

Florida’s largest nursing home provider is again facing a quarter-billion-dollar judgment for fraud.

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# Florida Lawyer Wears Full Hazmat Suit to Court Amid COVID-19 Crisis

## *News*

Miami lawyer Samuel J. Rabin Jr. decided not to take any chances when he went to the federal courthouse recently for his client’s sentencing hearing amid the novel coronavirus

crisis.

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## **Harvey Weinstein Reaches Tentative \$19 Million Settlement with Accusers**

### **News**

Harvey Weinstein and his former studio's board have reached a nearly \$19 million settlement with dozens of his sexual misconduct accusers.

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## **Attorney Arrested for Federal Bribe, Extortion Charges**

### **News**

Prosecutors contended attorney Keith Mitchell is a flight risk who should remain behind bars after he eluded authorities for more than 24 hours and potentially obstructed justice when he called four Toledo city councilmen after learning he and they were the targets of a federal bribery and corruption probe.

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# Tamiflu Maker Won \$1.4B Contract after Deceiving the FDA about Drug's Pandemic Effectiveness

## *News*

Drug company Hoffmann-La Roche falsified scientific conclusions and mounted a high-powered marketing and lobbying campaign to deceive the government about the effectiveness of Tamiflu for fighting a flu pandemic, according to new filings in a federal False Claims Act lawsuit.

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# Lawyer Ignored Them for Three Years and Their \$2.8M Legal Malpractice Verdict Keeps Shrinking

## *News*

The court opined that a \$1.1 million judgment for Vernon and Donyell Walters was too high and that the trial court will have to try to find a more appropriate figure.

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# US Attorney Bianca Forde Sues Cops for Wrongful Arrest in NYC

## *News*

A federal prosecutor was wrongfully arrested when cops slapped the cuffs on her for advising her boyfriend of his legal rights during a drunk-driving stop, a new lawsuit alleges.

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# Lawyer Who Told Client 'I'm Done' Faces \$300K Malpractice Ruling

## *News*

A lawyer will stay on the hook for a \$300,000 malpractice verdict after walking out on a client who was unhappy with the way settlement talks in a divorce were going.

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# Lawyer Deaths and Series of Tornadoes Don't Excuse Late



# Filing, Federal Judge Rules

## *News*

The unexpected deaths of two lawyers and a series of tornadoes don't excuse the late filing of an expert report on damages, a federal judge in Dallas has ruled.

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## Judges Slam J&J's 'Reprehensible' Talc Defense, Cut Massive 2018 Verdict to \$2.11B

## *News*

An appeals court has reduced that award—but only to \$2.11 billion, thanks to J&J's 'outrageous' and 'reprehensible' defense of the product.