MGM to Shooting Survivors: $500 Donation to Charity If They Waive Notice of Suit

News

MGM told the victims' attorneys it would rather make the donations to charities than spend the money to pay people to serve the legal notices, the AP reports.

Brett Kavanaugh's Expert Evasions, Learned From Past Masters

News

Even as he deflected most questions about legal issues, Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh was quick to say he was alert to the real-world consequences of his rulings, reports *The New York Times*.

Roy Moore Sues Sacha Baron Cohen for $95M Over 'Who Is

America?’ Appearance

News

Moore’s complaint claims he was deceived and was defamed by “the false and fraudulent routine.”

State Farm Ducks Racketeering Trial With $250 Million Accord

News

Policyholders had accused the company of leading an effort to recruit a judge friendly to its cause for the Illinois Supreme Court, Bloomberg reports.

Check Those ‘Choice of Law’ Provisions

Insight

Choice of law” clauses in contracts are often overlooked in their potential importance, as the parties and counsel concentrate on the more immediate matter of the explicit commercial terms, according to Nexsen Pruet.

Warren Burns Appointed Interim Lead Counsel in Online Price-Fixing Class Action

News

A federal judge has appointed Warren Burns of Dallas-based Burns Charest LLP as sole interim lead class counsel in a nationwide antitrust class action.

NBC News Faces New Accusations Its GC Threatened Reporter Over Weinstein Reporting

News

A new report alleges that NBC News general counsel Susan Weiner made multiple phone calls to the reporter, Ronan Farrow, threatening to smear him if he continued his reporting on Weinstein.

Ken Starr’s Next Role Will Be With The Lanier Law Firm

News

Starr, the former Baylor University president, will join Houston-based The Lanier Law Firm, which is involved in some of the country’s biggest civil disputes, reports Bloomberg Law

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Senate Confirms Trump ‘Not Qualified’ Nominee and Obama Pick

News

The Senate reached a deal Tuesday to swiftly confirm seven federal district court judges, helping President Donald Trump put an enduring stamp on the U.S. judiciary, reports Bloomberg.

Former Barnes & Noble CEO Sues Over His Firing

News

CNN reports that Demos Parneros says in the complaint that Barnes & Noble fired him without cause and “irrevocably damaged” his reputation.

6th Circuit Tosses Contempt Order for Lawyer Arrested For Missing Court; ‘Embattled’ Judge Presided

News

The judge had ordered the arrest of Brent English after the lawyer didn’t appear for an Oct. 29, 2015, hearing to show cause why he shouldn’t be held in contempt for missing a prior court date, according to the *ABA Journal*.

‘Evasive Discovery Tactics’ Cost Lead Plaintiff Against Sanofi

News

Bloomberg Law reports that a plaintiff in a bellwether products liability case involving the chemotherapy drug Taxotere was sanctioned for withholding information about her medical history.

7th Circuit Tosses $3M Verdict in Suit Blaming Antidepressant Labeling for Biglaw Partner’s Suicide

News

The ABA Journal reports that a federal appeals court has overturned a $3 million award to the widow of a Reed Smith partner who blamed antidepressant labeling for her husband’s suicide.

Third Quarter IADC Defense Counsel Journal Dissects Trending International Law Topics

News

The International Association of Defense Counsel has published its third quarter 2018 Defense Counsel Journal (DCJ) with articles on trending international law issues.

Judge Slashes Attorneys' Fees in Anthem Data Breach Settlement

News

The judge ruled that attorneys for the class action plaintiffs are entitled to $31 million in fees, $2 million in expenses, and $132,000 for other operation costs, according to Bloomberg Law.

Jury Awards Family $242 Million After Finding Toyota Liable for Children's Injuries in Crash

News

The family's legal team presented evidence they said showed engineering, design and structural issues with the front seat backs of the vehicle, according to *The Dallas Morning News*.

Lawyer's Alleged Misconduct

Gets Her Jury Verdict Tossed as Sanction

News

Bloomberg Law reports that a federal appeals court has ruled that a district court had the right to toss a jury verdict as a sanction because of the severity of a lawyer's "continuous, contumacious" conduct.

Judge Guts FTC's $4-Billion Lawsuit Against DirecTV

News

The judge said there remain a number of problems with the FTC's theories for relief and that the FTC "has an uphill climb."

Houston Day Care Center Sued over Toddler's Death in Hot Van

News

The family of a 3-year-old who died after being left for more than four hours in a Houston day care center's van in late July has sued the operator for negligence.

How IRS Taxes Kill Plaintiff’s $289M Monsanto Weedkiller Verdict

Insight

If you are the plaintiff with a contingent fee lawyer, the IRS treats you as receiving 100% of the money, even if the defendant pays your lawyer directly, writes Robert W. Wood for *Forbes*.