Super Lawyer Boies Entangled in Intrigue Over Weinstein; *Times* Fires His Firm

News

David Boies hired private detectives who sought to identify accusers and undermine *The New York Times*‘s news coverage of their claims, at the same time his firm was representing the newspaper.

JPMorgan Judge Upends $1.1 Million Whistle-Blower Verdict

News

A U.S. district judge says she saw prejudice in a jury’s verdict Tuesday that would have awarded $1.13 million in damages to a former JPMorgan Chase & Co. employee over her dismissal, according to Bloomberg.

Jury Hits Hospital With $26M

Med-Mal Verdict in Tragic Birth Case

News

Under a “high-low” agreement struck earlier by both sides, the plaintiffs agreed to receive a “high’’ of $7.5 million if they won their suit and a “low’’ of $1.5 million, even if they lost, reports the *New York Post*.

A Renewable-Energy Champion Is Suing His Scientific Critics

News

Stanford professor Mark Jacobson has sued a prominent energy researcher and the National Academy of Sciences for defamation over a sharply-worded rebuttal of his work, reports the *MIT Technology Review*.

Defending Breach-of-Contract Claims in Data-Breach

Litigation

Insight

A post on the What's Fair? blog on the Ellis & Winters LLP website discusses a recent federal appellate decision that shows how data-breach lawsuits premised on overpayment theories – which often assert claims sounding in contract – still face an uphill battle.

Enforcing Nursing Home Arbitration Agreements Post-*Kindred*

Insight

A recent ruling for a state supreme court may be indicative of what litigation over nursing home arbitration agreements will look like after the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Kindred Nursing Centers v. Clark*, according to Arbitration Nation.

Federal Financial Resources Essential to Addressing Opioid Crisis

News

The financial costs of successfully treating opioid addiction

are substantial, as are the costs of effective educational programs to stem the epidemic, says Dallas attorney Jeffrey Simon of Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett, who represents Texas counties suing drug manufacturers.

U.S. States Allege Broad Generic Drug Price-Fixing Collusion

News

The states said the drugmakers and executives divided customers for their drugs among themselves, according to Reuters.

Alternative Fee Arrangements With Outside Firms Level Off

News

The inherent unpredictability of many types of dispute could be placing a ceiling on the proportion of matters where both parties feel confident operating under an AFA, according to the 2017 Litigation Trends Annual Survey.

Winston & Strawn Lawyer Collaborates With Judge to Write Jury Trial Reference

News

The University of North Texas Press is releasing a lawyers' guide to courtroom preparation and strategy titled "On the Jury Trial: Principles and Practices for Effective Advocacy."

Dismissal of $472 Million Verdict v. J&J is Disaster for Talc Plaintiffs

News

A ruling that throws out a plaintiff's $417 million jury verdict against John & Johnson will affect many of the nearly 5,000 women who claim they developed ovarian cancer from J&J power containing talc, reports Reuters.

Texas Supreme Court Examines $48,000 An Hour Legal Fee in

H.L. Hunt Case

News

Attorney Gregory Shamoun claims to have made a 50 percent contingency agreement with Albert Hill Jr. to settle the high-dollar family fight – an agreement that Hill Jr. is challenging, reports the *Houston Chronicle*.

Florida Law Firm Fined $9 Million By Federal Court Over Tobacco Litigation

News

Farah & Farah and the Wilner Firm filed 1,250 frivolous tobacco claims against a trust fund for Floridians and survivors who suffered because of smoking, the court found.

GM to Pay $120M in Multistate Defective Ignition Switch Settlement

News

The settlement is tied to violations of consumer protection laws and is on top of GM's previous penalties and settlements of an estimated $2.5 billion, according to *The Detroit Free*

Press.

Appeals Court Tosses $72 Million Award in Talcum Powder Case

News

The appeals court cited a Supreme Court ruling in June that placed limits on where injury lawsuits could be filed, saying state courts cannot hear claims against companies not based in the state where alleged injuries occurred.

Disney Takes Insurer AIG to Court Over ‘Pink Slime’ Defamation Settlement

News

The Walt Disney Company is going to battle with its insurer, AIG, as it seeks coverage for a massive settlement in the “pink slime” defamation case, *Variety* is reporting.

Jury Slaps JPMorgan Chase with $6 Billion-Plus Verdict in Sabre Creator’s Estate

News

A jury has awarded the widow and heirs of Sabre airline reservation system pioneer Max D. Hopper more than $6 billion in damages after finding JPMorgan Chase in breach of its fiduciary duty in administering the multimillion-dollar Hopper estate.

Proving Liability in Las Vegas Shooting Could be Challenging

News

Despite the reported size of the killer’s estate, given the large number of potential claims related to the horrific injuries and deaths he caused, the chance that any particular victim will be justly compensated from the estate does not appear to be likely, says Dallas attorney Timothy Zeiger.

J&J Blames Jury Misconduct for $417 Million Talc Verdict

News

Johnson & Johnson said a $417 million verdict in a talc powder cancer case should be thrown out because three jurors were excluded by fellow panelists from the decision-making process, reports Bloomberg Technology.

Patent Suit Filings Plunge in East Texas Following Supreme Court Ruling

News

New lawsuits are down – way down – in the mostly rural district that was once the national hotspot for patent disputes, reports Ars Technica, citing a study by IP litigation research company Lex Machina.