Patent Enforcement Company Slams Apple with $22M Verdict After East Texas Trial

News,br>Acacia Research Corp., the largest publicly traded patent-assertion entity, won a $22.1 million verdict against Apple, reports Ars Technica.

Texas-Sized Business: Critics, Lawyers Discuss Controversy Behind Personal-Injury Attorneys

News

Jim Adler, who bills himself as the “Texas Hammer,” Adler can be seen in TV spots standing on semitrucks telling viewers he “will hammer the big trucking companies down to size.”

Bankruptcy Trustee Dismisses Case After Expert Fails On

Cross Examination

News

The trustee for a bankrupt company decided to drop his lawsuit after watching his expert witness cross examined by an attorney from Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing P.C.(AZA), clearing AZA's clients of claims that they received fraudulently transferred company assets, the firm reports in a news release.

Freedom of Contract? An Agreed Damages Clause May Not Actually Be Agreed

Insight

The right of contracting parties to obligate themselves to one another has always been subject to certain statutory limitations, as well as those imposed by the common-law principles that govern the enforcement of contracts generally, writes Glenn West for Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

Federal Circuit Affirms Disqualification of Counsel,

Dismissal of Patent Complaint

News

The Federal Circuit has affirmed a Western District of Texas decision disqualifying counsel for plaintiff Dynamic 3D Geosolutions LLC and dismissing its patent infringement complaint Schlumberger Ltd. without prejudice, reports IPWatchdog.

House Democrats Ask for Justice Investigation as New York AG Looks Into Trump Foundation

News

The committee's Democrats allege that the donation in 2013 "may have influenced Mrs. Bondi's official decision not to participate in litigation against Mr. Trump," and asks Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch to explore whether federal bribery or other laws might have been violated

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Big Year for this Trial Firm

News

The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson tallied some of the firm's

recent victories, including a $10.9 million verdict for the families of two north Texas grandmothers who died as a result of injuries from the crash of a the Choctaw Casino chartered bus.

Litigation Finance: Driving Law Firm Profitability

Event, Sept. 21, 4:30 p.m.

Bloomberg BNA and Bentham IMF will hold an executive briefing and reception that explores how firms are integrating financing into their litigation practices.

Legal Experts Shocked by Fox's $20 Million Settlement With Gretchen Carlson

News

Some of the experts LawNewz.com talked to said the case could open the door to more sexual harassment claims in the workplace, and some were surprised by the high dollar amount that 21st Century Fox agreed to pay.

Lawyer.com Hit with Defamation Class Action Over Lawyer-Grading System

News

A Kentucky lawyer has sued Lawyer.com LLC and World Media Group LLC, alleging the site's grading system for lawyers violates New York and other state consumer protection statutes, reports Legal NewsLine.

Fearing Lawsuits, U.S. Banks Set Sky-High Limits for Director Pay

News

A growing number of U.S. banks has capped their directors' earnings, but the ceilings are so high that they primarily serve to fend off potential shareholder litigation rather than control the pace of pay increases, Reuters reports.

Alabama Law Firm Says It Has

Received 26k Calls After Talcum Powder Verdicts

News

A law firm in Montgomery, Ala., says it received nearly 26,000 phone calls from people inquiring about a possible link between talcum powder and ovarian cancer after its clients won a total of $127 million in two verdicts earlier this year, reports AL.com.

One of Peter Thiel's Fellows Created a New Startup That Will Fund Lawsuits

News

A new startup, Legalist, is looking to make money from the practice of bankrolling lawsuits, reports Business Insider. The startup plans to fund those that it calculates has a chance to win.

Lawyer Accused of Fraud By U.S. in BP Oil Spill Case is

Acquitted

News

Reuters is reporting that prominent Texas lawyer Mikal Watts was acquitted on Thursday of charges he made up thousands of fake clients to sue BP Plc for damages that the oil company caused in the 2010 Gulf of Mexico spill, court records show.

Law Firm to Investigate Cause of Fire at Sunoco Facility

News

Two workers injured in a flash fire at the Sunoco Logistics terminal in Nederland, Texas, have retained Provost Umphrey law firm to represent their interests.

Kentucky AG Sues Johnson & Johnson Over Transvaginal Mesh Marketing

News

CNN is reporting that Kentucky’s attorney general is suing health-care giant Johnson & Johnson for millions of dollars, saying the company “concealed and misrepresented” the risk of its transvaginal mesh products to doctors and patients.

Chambers USA Ranks AZA Again Among Top Texas Commercial Litigation Firms

News

Houston trial law boutique Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing P.C., or AZA, once again is being recognized as one of Texas' top commercial litigation firms after earning a spot in the 2016 edition of Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

7th Circuit: Walgreens, Shareholder Settlement Little More Than $370K Payday for Lawyers

News

The type of class action illustrated by this case – the class action that yields fees for class counsel and nothing for the class – is no better than a racket," wrote Judge Richard Posner.

Gilead to Get Attorney Fees in Hepatitis C Patent Fight With Merck

News

Gilead Sciences Inc. is entitled to receive the attorney fees it incurred related to hepatitis C patent litigation with drugmaker Merck & Co Inc., a U.S. district judge has ruled, reports Reuters.

With Business Contracts, Lost Profits (Not Lost Revenues) are Proper Measure of Damages

Insight

In late June, the District Court of Appeal of Florida, Fourth District, reiterated that in a breach of contract case, lost revenue alone is typically an improper measure of damages, accordingn to a report from Roetzel & Andress.