

# Biglaw Firm is Punishing 5 Departing Partners in Bonus Clawback Dispute, Petition Says

NewsFive former Nixon Peabody partners allege that their former law firm tried to punish them for jumping to DLA Piper by trying to claw back bonuses and withholding money in support of the effort.

---

## Foundry Employees' Action is a "Mass Action" Subject to Removal Under the Class Action Fairness Act

### **News**

The Eleventh Circuit has clarified the scope of the 'local event exception' to the federal-court jurisdiction over 'mass actions' conferred by the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), holding that claims by former foundry employees against manufacturers and distributors of products used at the foundry are not within the exception.

---

# California Lawyer Arrested For Selling Guns and Distributing Methamphetamine

## *News*

Melinda Romines, 41, of Anaheim, was taken into federal custody this morning. She is expected to make her initial court appearance this afternoon in United States District Court in Los Angeles.

---

# Bayer Asks California Court to Reverse \$86 Million Roundup Cancer Verdict

## *News*

Bayer denies the allegations made by more than 42,700 plaintiffs in the United States, saying decades of studies have shown Roundup and glyphosate are safe for human use.

---

# Tips for Drafting Arbitration Clauses in Smart Contracts

## *Insight*

If a dispute arises, the parties may prefer arbitration as an

alternative to court, but arbitration doesn't happen on its own – it typically requires a properly drafted arbitration clause.

---

## **No. 1 of the Top 10 Horrible, Terrible, No Good Mistakes Lawyers Make in Mediations**

### ***News***

A high-level Justice Department lawyer was in the spotlight this week because he practiced for two months while unaware that his license had lapsed.

---

## **Avoiding Mishaps When Drafting Agreements at the End of Mediation**

### ***Insight***

Holland & Knight offers some tips for preparing a memorandum of understanding or similar agreement executed at the conclusion of the mediation.