

Daniel Tranen Joins Wilson Elser's Office in Edwardsville, IL

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Daniel E. Tranen has joined national law firm Wilson Elser's Edwardsville office as a partner.

Lawsuit Says Wall Street Exec Used Army Ties to Overcharge on Contracts

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Whistleblowers allege Lynn Tilton offered an Army colonel a lucrative job long before he retired from military service as a way of inducing him to make contract decisions favorable to her company.

New LSU General Counsel Can't Practice Law in Louisiana

NEWS

The GC's inability to litigate won't be a problem for the system, says the university's vice president for finance and

administration.

Dykema Chairman and CEO Joins Detroit Economic Club Board of Directors

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Dykema Chairman and CEO Peter Kellett has been elected a member of the Detroit Economic Club (DEC) board of directors.

Deutsche Bank Nears Plea Deal Over Libor Manipulation

NEWS

A deal would be one of the last cases to arise from the sweeping investigation into the London interbank offered rate, or Libor.

Panasonic of North America

Names New General Counsel

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Damien Atkins is the new general counsel and corporate secretary of Panasonic Corporation of North America.

NLRB Issues Guidance Memo on Representation Case Procedure Changes

NEWS

The GC's guidance covers how representation cases will be processed from beginning to end, incorporating both the Final Rule changes and the procedures that remain unchanged.

Feeney Receives Michigan Defense Trial Counsel's Excellence In Defense Award

NEWS

James P. Feeney has received the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel's (MDTC) Annual Excellence In Defense Award. He will be honored during an awards banquet hosted by the MDTC on Friday, May 15.

Steven Hunter Elected to President's Council of the Museum of Science and Industry

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Quarles & Brady LLP Chicago partner Steven Hunter has been elected to the president's council of the Museum of Science and Industry, the firm announced.

Tax Partner Rejoins Hogan Lovells BSTL Mexico City Office

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Hogan Lovells BSTL has announced that Arturo Tiburcio has rejoined its Corporate Practice as a partner specializing in tax matters. He will work in the firm's Mexico City office.

Former Jurist of the Year Joins Rusty Hardin & Associates

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Cathy Cochran, a former long-time judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, has joined the firm of Rusty Hardin & Associates as of counsel.

Foley Expands Health Care Public Affairs Team in Washington

NEWS

Jennifer Walsh has joined Foley & Lardner LLP as director of public affairs in the Washington, D.C. office. She will on legislative, regulatory and public policy matters related to a variety of issues, and primarily health care.

Adam Falkof Elected to Junior Board of Chicago Volunteer

Legal Services

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The national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP has announced that Adam Falkof has been elected to the Junior Board of Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS).

EEOC Targets Benefit Plans on LGBT Issues

NEWS

An EEOC internal memo states that the EEOC is interested in litigating charges regarding issues of “first impression” such as benefit coverage for same-sex couples and insurance benefits afforded to transgender individuals, according to an article published by Seyfarth Shaw.

CFPB Takes Action Against ‘Bad Check’ Debt Collector

NEWS

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has taken action against a nationwide debt collection operation and its chief executive officer for allegedly using deceptive threats of criminal prosecution and jail time to intimidate consumers into paying debts for bounced checks.

HSBC Monitor Says Bank's Compliance Progress Too Slow

NEWS

The finding on HSBC Holdings was a tough assessment that comes as the bank is grappling with other issues, including allegations it aided tax evasion.

Jury Awards \$150 Million for Jeep Fuel-Tank Fire Death

NEWS

A jury in Georgia awarded \$150 million to a family that sued Chrysler Group LLC for the 2012 death of their 4-year-old in a crash involving a 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee with a rear fuel tank, reports Reuters.

SEC Fines KBR for Violating Dodd-Frank Whistleblower

Protection Rule

NEWS

KBR Inc. agreed to pay a \$130,000 penalty to resolve charges that the language it used in its confidentiality agreements during internal investigations violated SEC Rule 21F-17.

Texas Supreme Court: Failure to Wear Seatbelt is Admissible When Apportioning Fault

NEWS

The Texas Supreme Court overturned more than 40 years of precedent and unanimously reversed the Court's long-standing prohibition on evidence concerning a claimant's failure to use a seatbelt, says Matt Perkins of Perkins & Associates of Shreveport.

2015 "Texas Rising Stars" List Features 11 Bell

Nunnally Attorneys

NEWS

Eleven Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP attorneys have been named to the 2015 “Texas Rising Stars” list published by Super Lawyers – a Thomson Reuters publication and rating service – and set to be featured in the April issue of *Texas Monthly*.