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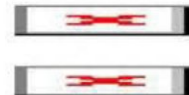
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TOP NEWS



Trump Ousts Office Of Government Ethics Director

By Rae Ann Varona

President Donald Trump has fired David Huitema, the director of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, the independent agency announced on Monday, less than two months after Huitema started as the agency's head.

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Trump Stops Enforcement Of Foreign Corrupt Practices Act

By Bonnie Eslinger

President Donald Trump signed an executive order Monday that puts a "pause" on enforcement of the federal Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, saying the law against U.S. companies bribing foreign officials to win business in other countries has made American companies less competitive.

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Trump Admin Violating Order To Unfreeze Funds, Judge Says

By Lauren Berg

A Rhode Island federal judge ruled Monday the Trump administration is not complying with the court's temporary restraining order barring a freeze on funding for federal

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grants and programs, ordering the administration to immediately restore the frozen funds.

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Trump's Firing Of Watchdog Office Head Paused By Judge

By Rae Ann Varona

The recently fired head of the U.S. Office of Special Counsel will remain in his position, at least for a few more days, after a D.C. federal judge on Monday ordered a short pause on his termination the same day he sued to challenge the allegedly "unlawful" removal.

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House Dems Form Rapid Response Litigation Working Group

By Courtney Bubl 

House Democrats announced on Monday a new litigation initiative to confront the Trump administration and the Elon Musk-led Department of Government Efficiency, which has been slashing federal funding, from stopping some government services and firing workers without Congressional approval.

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NC Gov. Sues To Take Back Power To Appoint Appeals Judges

By Hayley Fowler

North Carolina Gov. Josh Stein is challenging a Republican-backed law that curbs his appointment powers for judicial vacancies in the state appellate courts, saying the maneuver tramples on the constitutionally protected separation of powers.

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GOP Sens. Restart Effort To Get Lawmaker OK For Major Regs

By Christopher Cole

It could become tougher for the Federal Communications Commission to adopt new rules for the telecom industry under a bill Republicans have reintroduced that would require a congressional green light for major new regulations.

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Experts Sound Alarm After Musk, Vance Float Ignoring Judges

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By Jack Karp

Attorneys and constitutional experts say the warning lights "are blinking red" after Vice President JD Vance and Trump confidante Elon Musk took to social media to attack the independence of the judiciary over the weekend.

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NY Chief Judge: 'Our Criminal Justice System Isn't Working'

By Frank G. Runyeon

New York State Chief Judge Rowan Wilson harshly criticized incarceration rates in the court system he oversees during his annual address Monday, suggested new laws are needed, and even invited people convicted of murder to join him at the podium and speak on the issue.

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BANKING & SECURITIES

FDIC's McKernan Exits Board As Republicans Max Out Seats

By Aislinn Keely

Republican Jonathan McKernan announced Monday that he'll vacate his seat on the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.'s board, given the expiry of his term and the addition of a Trump appointee that brings the board to its maximum number of GOP-held seats.

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'Stand Down': CFPB's Acting Chief Pulls Employees Off Job

By Jon Hill and Courtney Bublé

The Trump administration's acting Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Director Russell Vought told agency staff on Monday to "stand down" from doing any work, the latest in a series of rapid-fire moves that are sidelining the agency and prompting employees to sue.

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SEC Grants Short-Selling Disclosure Reprieve, CAT Relief

By Tom Zanki & Katryna Perera

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is providing a temporary exemption in order to allow investment managers more time to comply with new rules requiring increased disclosure on short selling, and separately said it will no longer require certain personally identifiable

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information to be reported to the market database known as the Consolidated Audit Trail.

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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

[EPA Asks 5th Circ. To Uphold Asbestos Ban Rule](#)

By Juan-Carlos Rodriguez

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is defending a Biden-era rule strengthening its restrictions on the use of the most prevalent variety of asbestos, which are being challenged by industry, worker and green groups.

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HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

[Mass. Judge Temporarily Blocks NIH Funding Cuts](#)

By Carolyn Muyskens

A Massachusetts federal judge issued a temporary hold Monday on a Trump administration plan to slash grant funding provided by the National Institutes of Health after 22 states sued to block the cuts.

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[DC Judge Questions Abrupt Removal Of Public Health Info](#)

By Dan McKay

A D.C. federal judge said he was wrestling with some "circular" arguments offered by the government on Monday as he weighed whether to order the restoration of public health web pages and datasets that had been taken down by the Trump administration.

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TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

[Colo. Nixes Suspension Of Medicaid Ride Company](#)

By Thy Vo

Colorado's Medicaid agency rescinded the six-month suspension of a transportation company that provides nonemergency rides to patients ahead of a hearing Monday on the company's bid to block the suspension.

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Gov't Defends Approval Of CP-KCS Rail Merger To DC Circ.

By Matthew Perlman

The federal government told the D.C. Circuit a coalition of Illinois towns is challenging the approval of Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd.'s \$31 billion merger with Kansas City Southern Railway Co. over the deal's potential effect on just 23 miles of a combined rail network that spans more than 20,000 miles.

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INSURANCE

Calif. Ruling Holds Wildfire Debris Not A Coverable Loss

By Eli Flesch

Two California homeowners didn't have a covered claim for wildfire debris that infiltrated their home, a state appeals panel ruled, saying there was no evidence the debris caused the kind of loss or damage required for coverage.

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REAL ESTATE

Dallas Loses Bid To Reinstate Short-Term Rental Ban

By Spencer Brewer

A Texas appeals court has ruled that two Dallas ordinances criticized for effectively banning short-term rentals don't gel with property rights enshrined in the state's constitution, siding with landlords who do business on Airbnb and Vrbo.

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EMPLOYMENT & BENEFITS

Mass. Justices May Greenlight Ex-Court Atty's Firing Case

By Julie Manganis

Massachusetts' highest court on Monday hinted that it will allow a former ghostwriter for the state's intermediate appellate court to continue pursuing his wrongful firing claims against a former supervisor, but not necessarily against two higher-ups, in a challenge to the extent of common-law immunity for public officials.

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UnitedHealth Unit Inks \$20M Deal To End DOL Claims Row

By Kellie Mejdrich

A UnitedHealth subsidiary will pay more than \$20 million to settle the U.S. Department of Labor's suit claiming it violated

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Federal Aviation Administration

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Federal Communications Commission

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Federal Reserve System

Federal Trade Commission

Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

Food and Drug Administration

Humboldt County, Nevada

Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission

Illinois Supreme Court

Internal Revenue Service

Los Angeles Superior Court

Manhattan District Attorney's Office

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

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National Labor Relations Board

federal benefits law and employer health plans' own policies when it summarily rejected claims for emergency room services and drug tests, according to filings in Wisconsin federal court.

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COMPETITION

[FTC Can't Get Cap On Meta's Up To 86 Antitrust Trial Witnesses](#)

By Bryan Koenig

A D.C. federal judge refused Monday to limit the number of witnesses in the Federal Trade Commission's monopolization lawsuit against Meta Platforms, rejecting agency assertions that plans by the Facebook parent company for up to 86 witnesses are "unreasonable."

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[Apple Pushes DC Circ. To Pause Google Search Case](#)

By Matthew Perlman

Apple told the D.C. Circuit on Monday it did not become clear that it needs to intervene in the government's search monopolization case against Google until enforcers proposed remedies that affected Apple's conduct too.

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CYBERSECURITY & PRIVACY

[9th Circ. Affirms Officers' Immunity For Getting Phone Contents](#)

By Jared Foretek

The Ninth Circuit on Monday upheld a summary judgment win for a sheriff and county prosecutor accused of illegally obtaining the contents of a drug arrestee's phone, ruling that they unlawfully got copies of the phone's contents but that the prosecutor who requested them was entitled to qualified immunity.

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[5th Circ. Urged To Reject Crypto Exec's Privacy Law Claim](#)

By Kat Lucero

The IRS complied with a financial privacy law to summon third-party bank records belonging to a cryptocurrency executive under investigation, the U.S. government told the Fifth Circuit on Monday in the businessman's appeal to

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New York Attorney General's Office
New York County District Attorney's Office
New York State Unified Court System
New York Supreme Court, New York County
North Carolina General Assembly
North Carolina Utilities Commission
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overturn a lower court decision that rejected his bid to quash the summonses.

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PERSONAL INJURY & MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Harvard Immunity For Body Part Thefts 'Gnaws' At Justice

By Julie Manganis

A judge on Massachusetts' highest court said Monday it's "problematic" that a state law could shield Harvard Medical School from liability in a suit by family members of people whose remains were allegedly sold off in parts by a rogue mortician.

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PRODUCT LIABILITY

Gun Owners Look To Revive Suit Over DC Metro Gun Law

By Jared Foretek

A group of D.C. and Virginia gun owners are asking the D.C. Circuit to revive their suit challenging a ban on guns in the region's Metro system, saying that the district judge who dismissed the case required that they get caught carrying on board to have standing.

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AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

SpaceX Says It Has Been Harmed By Coastal Commission

By Daniel Wilson

SpaceX has argued it should be allowed to move forward with its suit alleging the California Coastal Commission wrongly tried to block the company's rocket launches, saying it had been harmed by the commission's allegedly unconstitutional actions.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Trump Sets Across-The-Board 25% Tariff On Steel And Aluminum

By Alex Lawson

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U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
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U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts
U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico
U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
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U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
U.S. District Court of the District of New Hampshire
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
U.S. Office Of Special Counsel
U.S. Office of Government Ethics
U.S. Office of Personnel Management
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
U.S. Senate
U.S. Supreme Court

President Donald Trump teed up a 25% tariff on all imported steel and aluminum Monday evening, continuing a trend of sweeping, aggressive trade actions that have defined his first three weeks in office.

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TAX

[Pension Execs Found Liable In \\$2B Danish Tax Fraud Case](#)

By David Hansen

A New York federal jury found Monday by "clear and convincing evidence" that Denmark's tax agency reasonably relied on the false statements made on pension plan applications that were part of a \$2.1 billion tax fraud scheme by pension plan executives.

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[Ill. House Bill Seeks Study Of Eliminating Property Tax System](#)

By Zak Kostro

Illinois would direct its Department of Revenue and the governor's Office and Management and Budget to determine the possibility of eliminating the state's property tax system and replacing the revenue with income tax receipts under a bill introduced in the state House of Representatives.

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IMMIGRATION

[Bannon To Plead Guilty In Border Wall Fraud Case, Avoid Jail](#)

By Frank G. Runyeon

Former Donald Trump adviser Steve Bannon plans to plead guilty as part of a deal with New York state prosecutors to resolve fraud charges connected to fundraising for a U.S. southern border wall, allowing him to avoid any prison time, one of his lawyers said Monday.

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[Trump Administration Sued Over Passport Sex Designations](#)

By Elliot Weld

A group of transgender and nonbinary people sued the Trump administration over an executive order that directed the U.S. Department of State to issue passports showing their sex assigned at birth, claiming the policy is one

US Office of Management and Budget

United Nations

United States District Court for the District of Colorado

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United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin

example of the administration's "longstanding animus against transgender people."

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Refugee Program In Peril With Suspension, Suit Warns

By Britain Eakin

A group of refugees and nonprofits sued President Donald Trump on Monday in Washington federal court for suspending the U.S. refugee program and withholding federal funding for refugee services, calling it "an unprecedented attack on refugee resettlement infrastructure."

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NH Judge Latest To Block Trump's Birthright Citizenship Order

By Madeline Lyskawa

A third federal district judge has blocked President Donald Trump's executive order limiting birthright citizenship, as a New Hampshire judge on Monday issued a preliminary injunction from the bench during an early morning hearing.

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NM Judge Won't Let Feds Send 4 Venezuelans To Guantánamo

By Britain Eakin

A New Mexico federal judge barred the Trump administration from sending four Venezuelans being held by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to Guantánamo after the detainees said they feared imminent transfer.

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Feds Says Religious Groups Can't Show Harm From ICE Raids

By Madeline Lyskawa

The Trump administration has urged a Maryland federal judge to reject religious groups' attempt to stop a new policy allowing immigration raids in places of worship, saying they have failed to show how they will be harmed by the policy change.

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WHITE COLLAR

DOJ Brass Want Bribery Charges Against NYC Mayor Dropped

By Rachel Scharf

The U.S. Department of Justice has moved to drop public corruption charges against New York City Mayor Eric Adams, an extraordinary development in the wake of a public courtship between the embattled mayor and President Donald Trump.

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Trump Pardons Convicted Former Ill. Gov. Rod Blagojevich

By Hailey Konnath

President Donald Trump on Monday pardoned former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who was convicted of public corruption in 2011, calling him "a fine person" who was set up by "a lot of bad people."

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Atlanta's Inspector General Sued Over Financial Subpoenas

By Chart Riggall

A lobbyist and former campaign manager for a sitting Atlanta City Council member has sued the city's inspector general over allegations she violated state laws in issuing subpoenas for the lobbyist's bank records to bolster a "frivolous" corruption probe.

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NATIVE AMERICAN

Nevada Lithium Mine Violates Indigenous' Rights, Report Says

By Crystal Owens

The federal government's approval of an 18,000-acre open-pit lithium mine in northern Nevada is a violation of Indigenous' rights, according to a recent report, which says at least six tribes have ties to the site where they've experienced violations against their religion, culture and ancestral lands.

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Fla. Court Lets Seminoles Intervene In Gaming Ad Suit

By Carolina Bolado

A Florida federal judge on Monday granted the Seminole Tribe of Florida's request to intervene in a proposed class action over allegedly misleading advertisements by gaming

vendor Seminole Hard Rock Digital, which the judge found cannot adequately represent the tribe's interests.

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Calif. Tribe Says DOI Gives It No Protection In Casino Row

By Joyce Hanson

The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria told a California federal judge that the U.S. Department of the Interior filed an incomplete status report about how it will monitor another tribe's project plans for the construction of a casino, saying the report fails to protect FIGR.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC Ready To Lower The 'Boom' On Raucous Commercials

By Christopher Cole

The nation's telecommunications regulator will consider this month whether new rules are needed to cut the volume on blaring commercials that upset the relative calm of TV shows they accompany, according to a recent notice of proposed rulemaking.

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Prison Phone Co. Tells FCC Rate Cap Rules Cost Too Much

By Nadia Dreid

Prison phone company NCIC Correctional Services thinks the Federal Communications Commission messed up by preempting state and local laws to ban "site commissions," service provider-to-prison payments that critics call kickbacks.

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CANNABIS

Tenn. Cops Sued Over Traffic Stop Hemp Seizure

By Katherine Smith

Tennessee police officers have been hit with claims that they unlawfully seized more than \$850,000 of hemp during a traffic stop under the false belief that it was an illegal substance, according to a new suit filed Thursday.

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Ala. Sen. Files Bill To Ban THC In Hemp Products

By Mike Curley

Alabama Republican Sen. Tim Melson has filed a bill that would ban products that contain delta-8, delta-9 and delta-10 — which it identifies as psychoactive substances — from sale in the state.

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EXPERT ANALYSIS

What Day 1 Bondi Memos Mean For Corporate Compliance

After Attorney General Pam Bondi's flurry of memos last week declaring new enforcement priorities on issues ranging from foreign bribery to diversity initiatives, companies must base their compliance programs on an understanding of their own core values and principles, says Hui Chen at CDE Advisors.

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What Employers Should Know For Next Round Of H-1B Filings

With the fiscal year 2026 H-1B visa period opening soon, employers should brush up on the registration and filing procedures, as well as organize applicable data, to ensure they are ready for this dynamic, multistep process, say attorneys at Morgan Lewis.

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5 Key Takeaways From Energy Secretary's Confirmation

The recent confirmation hearing for U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Chris Wright highlighted several important themes, including his vision for transforming the DOE, his nuanced stance on renewables, and a renewed emphasis on energy abundance and affordability, says Connor McCulloch at Ankura Consulting Group.

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SEC Motion Response Could Reveal New Crypto Approach

Cumberland DRW recently filed to dismiss the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's enforcement action against it for the unlawful purchase and sale of digital asset securities, and the agency's response should unveil whether, and to what extent, the Trump administration will relax the federal government's stance on digital asset regulation, say attorneys at O'Melveny.

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Aviation Watch: Litigation Liabilities After DC Air Tragedy

While it will likely take at least a year before the National Transportation Safety Board determines a probable cause for the Jan. 29 collision between a helicopter and a jet over

Washington, D.C., the facts so far suggest the government could face litigation claims, says Alan Hoffman, a retired attorney and aviation expert.

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Opinion

Congress Must Consider Accurate Data About Patent Thickets

If Congress revisits a controversial bill this year aimed at limiting the number of patents pharmaceutical manufacturers could assert, it must make sure to act based on accurate reports — such as a recent U.S. Patent and Trademark Office study that found no evidence of patent thickening, says David Kappos at the Council for Innovation Promotion.

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A Look At Drug Price Negotiation Program's Ongoing Impact

More than two years after the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act and the rapid implementation of the drug price negotiation program, attorneys at Ropes & Gray discuss how the IRA has influenced licensing strategies, and how maximum fair prices under the law have economically affected certain drugs.

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Lights, Camera, Ethics? TV Lawyers Tend To Set Bad Example

Though fictional movies and television shows portraying lawyers are fun to watch, Hollywood's inaccurate depictions of legal ethics can desensitize attorneys to ethics violations and lead real-life clients to believe that good lawyers take a scorched-earth approach, says Nancy Rapoport at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

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LEGAL INDUSTRY

Injury Attys Admit 'Embarrassment' Of AI-Hallucinated Cites

By Lauren Berg

Morgan & Morgan PA and the Goody Law Group expressed "great embarrassment" Monday when they told the Wyoming federal judge overseeing a personal injury lawsuit against Walmart over an allegedly defective hoverboard that the pretrial motions they filed did, indeed, contain case law hallucinated by artificial intelligence.

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Goldstein Rearrested After Feds Say He Hid Millions In Crypto

By Phillip Bantz, Ali Sullivan

U.S. Supreme Court lawyer and SCOTUSblog publisher Tom Goldstein was arrested again Monday following his earlier release on criminal tax evasion charges, after prosecutors alleged that he secretly made millions of dollars worth of cryptocurrency transactions in recent days and was a serious risk to flee.

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Ex-FTC Commissioner's Accusers Call Damages Bid 'Fiction'

By Emily Sawicki

Women who accused former FTC Commissioner Joshua Wright of sexual misconduct stemming from his role as a law professor have told a Virginia judge that his damages expert in his defamation lawsuit against them failed to do his homework and his testimony shouldn't be allowed at the upcoming trial in the case.

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GenapSys Can't Claw Back Some Docs From Paul Hastings

By Craig Clough

A California judge ruled that GenapSys Inc. can claw back some documents it inadvertently released during discovery in a legal malpractice suit against Paul Hastings LLP, but that some documents discussed during depositions cannot be clawed back because attorneys for GenapSys did not lodge proper objections during the proceedings.

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Orrick Lands 13-Attorney VC Team From Gunderson Dettmer In LA

By Rose Krebs

Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP announced Monday that it has hired a 13-attorney team from Gunderson Dettmer, including the co-founders of its Los Angeles office, to bolster its tech company and venture capital services.

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Morgan Lewis Adds 5 Knobbe Martens IP Attys On West Coast

By James Mills

Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP continues expanding its intellectual property team, announcing Monday it is bringing

in a team of five Knobbe Martens IP litigators as partners in its West Coast offices.

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By Dani Kass

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By James Boyle

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