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### THE GLOBAL 20

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#### Law360 Reveals The Global 20 Firms Of 2016

For the sixth straight year, Law360 has selected and ranked the 20 law firms that have the biggest global presence and handled the largest, most groundbreaking international and cross-border matters over the past year.

#### 4 Firms Lead The Pack In Global Expansion

Four law firms are leading BigLaw's global march, making the biggest gains in international office openings in the industry over the past year through mergers and acquisitions and by opening outposts in locations from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to Mexico City.

#### Firms Must Plant Roots In These Cities To Compete Globally

Global 20 firms have strategically widened — and narrowed — their maps, navigating their way into a handful of key international markets. Here, Law360 looks at the locations where powerhouse firms need to be.

### TOP NEWS

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#### Philly Sugar Tax's Bitter Foes Face Long-Shot Legal Battle

A new levy on sugary drinks signed into law in Philadelphia on Monday may leave a sour taste in the mouths of opponents, but experts say the measure is on solid ground to survive an all-but-certain legal challenge from the soda industry over state preemption and tax uniformity issues.

#### Senate Rejects Gun Control Measures On DOJ Funding Bill

The U.S. Senate failed to approve a series of gun control measures Monday night — votes forced by a Democratic filibuster last week — as the body works toward passage of the underlying bill funding scientific research and the Departments of Justice and Commerce.

#### High Court To Decide If Immigrants Entitled To Bond Hearings

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday decided to hear a case over whether certain immigrants are entitled to automatic bond hearings following six months of detention, adding another layer to the national debate over immigrant detention.

### LAW FIRMS

Allen & Overy  
Alston & Bird  
Ashurst LLP  
Baker & McKenzie  
Bancroft PLLC  
Barnes & Thornburg  
Becker & Poliakoff  
Bradley Arant  
Burke Warren  
Cadwalader Wickersham  
Cahill Gordon  
Cleary Gottlieb  
Cohen Milstein  
Cravath Swaine  
Crowell & Moring  
DLA Piper  
Dechert  
Dentons  
Despres Schwartz  
Duane Morris  
Earthjustice  
Fisher Phillips  
Fragomen Del Rey  
Freshfields  
Gibson Dunn  
Gunderson Palmer  
Harris Wiltshire  
Herbert Smith Freehills  
Herrick Feinstein  
Hogan Lovells

## USTR Teeing Up TPP Implementing Bill For Lame-Duck Vote

U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman said Monday that his office has begun drafting legislation to implement the Trans-Pacific Partnership and admitted that a vote on the 12-nation accord is unlikely to take place until after the November elections.

## Feds, Enviro Urges 10th Circ. To Unblock BLM Fracking Rule

The U.S. government and a group of environmentalists on Monday asked the Tenth Circuit to reinstate fracking rules that were blocked by a lower court, arguing the regulations are well within the Bureau of Land Management's authority.

## High Court To Hear NLRB GC Nomination Appeal

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday granted the National Labor Relations Board's request to review a decision by the D.C. Circuit that an acting NLRB general counsel was improperly nominated.

## ANALYSIS

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## NY Lawmakers Keep Daily Fantasy Alive To Fight Another Day

Facing a deadline in an agreement to halt litigation with New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, daily fantasy sports giants DraftKings and FanDuel sweated out a New York legislative session late last week as lawmakers came through in the eleventh hour to pass legislation that experts say gives the beleaguered companies a major boost to their legal battles.

## DOL Regs May Get Closer Look After High Court OT Pay Case

The U.S. Supreme Court's conclusion Monday that the U.S. Department of Labor failed to properly explain the reasons behind its rule that car dealership service advisers should qualify for overtime may lead courts to take a closer look at other controversial regulations proposed by the agency that veer from its previous positions, attorneys say.

## 5 Lessons For GCs From The EEOC's Harassment Study

To avoid the heavy legal and economic costs of workplace harassment, law departments should be addressing them head-on, not delegating to human resources, according to a new EEOC report. Here are what EEOC commissioners and members of the agency's harassment task force say are the report's key takeaways for corporate counsel.

## SEC Uses IEX Approval To Begin Rethinking Market Regs

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's vote Friday to approve IEX Group's plan for a new stock exchange came with a commission guidance widening the agency's interpretation of its national market system rules to allow IEX's built-in "speed bump," a move experts said shows the agency is starting to rethink whether the decade-old rules need revisiting.

## BANKING & SECURITIES

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## HK Exchange Proposes Stock Option Position Limits Overhaul

The Hong Kong stock exchange proposed revisions Monday to its rules regarding stock option position limits, seeking to bring its standards more in line with international norms and boost the competitiveness of the region's booming derivatives market.

Hunton & Williams

Ifrac Law

K&L Gates

Katz Marshall

Kirkland & Ellis

Klein Moynihan

Kline & Specter

Little Mendelson

Mayer Brown

McCarter & English

McDermott Will

Morrison Cohen

Norton Rose Fulbright

Orrick Herrington

Paul Hastings

Pepper Hamilton

Petrillo Klein

Reed Smith

Shearman & Sterling

Sherman & Howard

Sidley Austin

Simpson Thacher

Skadden

Squire Patton Boggs

Thompson Coe

Wachtell Lipton

White & Case

WilmerHale

## COMPANIES

21st Century Fox Inc.

AT&T Inc.

Airbus SAS

Alpha Natural Resources, Inc.

American Association of Airport Executives

American Beverage Association

American Civil Liberties Union

American Council of Life Insurer

American Immigration Council

Anthem Inc.

Arch Coal Inc.

Association of American

Universities Inc.

Association of Corporate Couns

Bank of England

Blue Cross and Blue Shield

## Bank Of England Launches Fintech Accelerator

The Bank of England on Friday launched a fintech accelerator to support financial technologies startups developing ideas that could transform central banking, including so-called blockchain technology that underpins bitcoin digital currency and stands to reshape capital raising and lending transactions.

## Former S&P Exec Slams SEC's Bid To Restart Fraud Case

Former S&P executive Barbara Duka on Monday blasted a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission bid to revive its in-house case against her alleging mortgage securities fraud, telling the Second Circuit that appellate procedure rules clearly show an injunction remains effective until the court mandates otherwise.

## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

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### Feds Extend Time To Mull Coal Industry Self-Bonding Limits

As legislative pressure builds to ban the practice entirely, federal mining officials said Friday they would take more time to consider an environmental group's petition to bar self-bonding to pay for mining operation cleanups for coal companies with a history of financial problems.

## HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

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### FDA OKs First Human Trials For Zika Vaccine

A Pennsylvania drug company and a South Korean vaccine developer on Monday said that they received U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval to start clinical trials on humans for a Zika virus vaccine.

## MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

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### Chicago Official Accuses Group Of Extortion In Museum Fight

The president of the Chicago Parks District has accused a special interest group of attempting to extort concessions from Star Wars' creator George Lucas as part of a campaign to drive his museum out of Chicago, according to a copy of a letter obtained by Law360 Monday.

## TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

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### GOP Reps. Query Security Protections In Boeing's Iran Deal

A pair of senior Republican lawmakers urged The Boeing Co. in a letter made public Friday to explain the national security implications of a pending potential sale of airliners to Iran, saying they were concerned about the deal "weaponizing" the country.

### With Carrier Profits \$3B, Airports Call For Hike In Fee

The U.S. Department of Transportation reported Monday that domestic passenger airlines made \$3.1 billion in net profit during the start of 2016, prompting an industry group to call for an increase in a fee that funds airport improvements.

## EMPLOYMENT

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### EEOC Advises Employers To Update Anti-Harassment Efforts

Association  
CBS Corporation  
CenturyLink Inc.  
Charter Communications Inc.  
Chevron Corporation  
Cincinnati Bell Inc.  
Comcast Corporation  
Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.  
Council on Foreign Relations  
Cox Communications Inc.  
DraftKings Inc.  
ESPN Inc.  
Facebook  
FairPoint Communications Inc.  
FanDuel Inc.  
Frontier Communications Corporation  
Georgia-Pacific LLC  
Hillenbrand, Inc.  
Hoffman Alvary & Co. LLC  
Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing  
Inovio Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
International Business Machines Corporation  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law  
Lyft Inc.  
McGraw Hill Financial Inc.  
Meritor Inc.  
Microsoft Corporation  
Moody's Corporation  
NASDAQ OMX Group Inc.  
NFL Enterprises LLC  
National Association of Insurance Commissioners  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Congress of American Indians  
Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund  
Peabody Energy Corporation  
PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc.  
Sierra Club

Employers should regularly offer and modify their anti-harassment compliance training, and should ensure they have comprehensive anti-harassment policies in place that are frequently communicated to employees, an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission report released on Monday concluded.

### **Texas Mayor Sued Over Vote That Upheld Uber, Lyft Rules**

The mayor of the city of Austin has been hit with a suit in a Texas state court seeking to void a public vote that upheld a requirement for drivers of companies like Uber and Lyft to be vetted using a fingerprint-based background check, on the purported grounds that voters were misled.

### **Labor Dept. Asks To Merge Cases Protesting Fiduciary Rule**

The U.S. Department of Labor has asked a Texas federal court to consolidate three lawsuits from industry and trade groups challenging the department's new fiduciary rule, arguing the cases are relatively similar and consolidation would expedite the litigation.

## **PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION**

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### **UK Lawmakers Want CEOs To Pay For Cybersecurity Failings**

A U.K. parliamentary committee recommended Monday that, in light of a massive data breach last year at telecom TalkTalk, penalties for hackers and for businesses that fail to prepare for or report such incidents need to be significantly enhanced, including by tying executives' compensation to their organization's cybersecurity hygiene.

### **Miss. Law Poses No Imminent Harm For Gay Pair, Judge Says**

A Mississippi federal judge on Monday refused to grant the American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi and an engaged same-sex couple a preliminary injunction in their suit challenging a recently enacted bill that provides protection to those who say their religious beliefs are violated by same-sex marriage.

### **USDA Organic Fertilizer Rule Buried Over APA Stink**

A California federal judge on Monday overturned a U.S. Department of Agriculture rule change concerning fertilizer requirements for organic food growers, saying the agency committed a "serious" error and violated the Administrative Procedures Act's requirements for providing public notice and comment before releasing a guidance document.

## **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**

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### **Watchdog Chastises USPTO For Noncompetitive Contracts**

A government watchdog has criticized the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for its use of noncompetitive contracts, saying it had not properly justified \$116 million in recent sole source deals and could have saved an estimated \$23 million if it had used a competitive bidding process.

### **DOD's Carter Lauds Allies' Defense Efforts But Urges More**

Defense Secretary Ashton Carter on Monday praised U.S. allies for recently stepping up their multilateral efforts to respond to global security challenges in a Washington, D.C., speech, but urged them to do more, saying small increases in their defense budgets are not enough to help effectively combat growing threats.

Temple University  
The Boeing Company  
The Walt Disney Company  
Time Warner Cable  
Time Warner Inc.  
Twitter Inc.  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
UCLA Health System  
Uber Technologies Inc.  
Verizon Communications  
Viacom Inc.  
Zeughauser Group LLC

## **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

Army Corps of Engineers  
Bureau of Land Management  
California Department of Food and Agriculture  
California Department of Insurance  
Department of Commerce  
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
Executive Office of the President  
Export-Import Bank of the United States  
Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
Federal Communications Commission  
Federal Trade Commission  
Food and Drug Administration  
Government Accountability Office  
Internal Revenue Service  
International Trade Commission  
NATO  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
National Institutes of Health  
National Labor Relations Board  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Navajo Nation  
Oglala Sioux Tribe  
Securities and Exchange

## **DOD Proposes Rule To Up Emergency Acquisitions Threshold**

The U.S. Department of Defense on Friday joined NASA and the General Services Administration in proposing a rule that would raise the dollar threshold to obtain supplies and services used in response to attacks and other emergency situations, according a notice filed with the Federal Register.

## **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

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### **Canadian Trade Minister Champions New Pacific Alliance Pact**

Canada's top trade official on Friday touted her office's recent partnership agreement with four Latin American nations known as the Pacific Alliance and encouraged Canadian companies to explore new business opportunities there.

### **ITC Finds CAFTA Rule Changes 'Negligible' For US Economy**

The U.S. International Trade Commission on Friday released its assessment of proposed changes to the rules of origin for a handful of products under the Dominican Republic-Central America-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, finding that the changes would do little to alter U.S. trade flows.

## **TAX**

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### **IRS Blasts Bid To Nix Program For Unlicensed Preparers**

The Internal Revenue Service slammed the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' contention that the agency's certification program for unlicensed tax return preparers is regulatory overreach, telling a D.C. federal judge on Friday that the program is voluntary and valid.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN**

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### **Army Corps Streamlines Tribal Water Project Team-Ups**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Friday that it is making two changes to its policies that will make it easier for the agency and federally recognized tribes to work together on water projects, including eliminating a tribal sovereign immunity waiver in an agency agreement that kept many such plans from getting off the ground.

### **SD County Beats Tribe's Voter Discrimination Suit As Unripe**

A federal judge on Friday tossed a lawsuit seeking to force a South Dakota county to open a satellite office for voter registration and absentee voting on the Oglala Sioux Tribe's reservation, saying the matter was not ripe for judicial review.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

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### **FCC Will Vote On Spectrum For 5G, Wheeler Says**

The Federal Communications Commission will vote July 14 on rules to open up spectrum for 5G applications, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler committed Monday, saying he will circulate a proposal this week to help make sure the U. S. is a leader in the new technology.

### **Amazon Won't Mess With Embed Ads On Unlocked Set-Tops**

Amazon stressed to the Federal Communications Commission last week that it has no intention of interfering with embedded advertising should the agency proceed with unlocking set-top boxes, even as it argued that the industry is

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U.S. Customs and Border  
Protection

U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Department of Defense

U.S. Department of Education

U.S. Department of Homeland  
Security

U.S. Department of Justice

U.S. Department of Labor

U.S. Department of State

U.S. Department of Transportati

U.S. Department of the Interior

U.S. Department of the Treasury

U.S. General Services  
Administration

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Office of Personnel  
Management

U.S. Patent and Trademark Offic

U.S. Senate

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ready for the plan, according to an ex parte filing Friday.

### **Weather Co. Warns FCC Against Spectrum Sharing**

The Weather Co. urged the Federal Communications Commission in a Friday filing to be cautious about spectrum sharing by commercial interests that could interfere with data used to make weather decisions.

### **CenturyLink Tells FCC To Toss Special-Access Data Analysis**

CenturyLink pressed the Federal Communications Commission Friday to throw out data analysis the agency relied on in proposing regulations for the business data services market, saying it is now clear the information was flawed and the FCC must develop a new plan.

### **Undersea Cable Cos. Need Time On Outage Rules, FCC Told**

The North American Submarine Cable Association urged the Federal Communications Commission last week to give undersea cable companies more time to implement proposed outage reporting requirements and more time to report actual outages, according to an ex parte filing Friday.

## **PEOPLE**

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### **Ill. Gov. Taps Ex-Mayer Brown Atty For Special Counsel**

Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner announced the promotion of a former Mayer Brown LLP attorney to deputy chief of staff Friday, part of a staffing shuffle following the end of the second straight spring legislative session without a state budget.

### **FBI Official Selected As Chief Of Border Patrol**

An FBI official has been tapped to head up the U.S. Border Patrol, according to a Monday announcement from its parent agency, with the move coming roughly eight months after news broke that the previous border chief was retiring.

### **Hastert To Serve Sentence At Minn. Federal Medical Center**

Former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert will serve his 15-month prison sentence at the federal medical center in Rochester, Minnesota, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

## **EXPERT ANALYSIS**

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### **Damages In Trade Secret Actions After The DTSA**

In the short term, damages analysis under the Defend Trade Secrets Act will likely remain essentially the same as under the Uniform Trade Secrets Act. However, the long-term effect may be more pronounced as federal case law from other intellectual property areas may increasingly influence the determination of damages under the DTSA, says Brian Dies of Hoffman Alvary & Company LLC.

### **Title IX Enforcement: A Lack Of Institutional Support**

The events that led to the removal of Baylor University President Ken Starr, and the dismissal of its head football coach, have put a spotlight on the commonplace practice of university officials turning a blind eye to disturbing evidence of sexual assaults on college campuses. Baylor should provide a clarion call to university officials, say Colleen Coveney and Debra Katz at Katz Marshall & Banks LLP.

## Insurers, Get Ready For Increased Cybersecurity Scrutiny

The requirements of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' proposed data security model law would impose a set of data breach reporting requirements on insurers that is significantly more demanding than existing state and federal laws, say Jim Harvey and Bruce Sarkisian at Alston & Bird LLP.

## LEGAL INDUSTRY

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### How To Lure Laterals And Keep Them In Your Firm's Net

Lateral movement in the legal industry has been on a hot streak in recent years, compelling BigLaw firms to spend big bucks in the fight to recruit and hire top talent without any guarantee new hires will stay put for more than a minute. Here, experts weigh in on effective hiring and integration strategies for attracting and retaining top talent.

### K&L Gates, Alston & Bird Latest To Bump Associate Salaries

K&L Gates LLP and Alston & Bird LLP on Monday said that they will match the new salary benchmark set by Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP for associates in certain U.S. markets, leaving just a handful of BigLaw firms that have yet to make announcements, according to news reports.

### Making The Move In-House? Avoid These Rookie Mistakes

Going in-house can be a great career move for lawyers looking to try something new, but the transition is not without its pitfalls. Whether coming from a private law firm or a government agency, lawyers working in a corporate legal department for the first time face a host of challenges. Here are some mistakes all lawyers who've opted to explore the in-house avenue would do best to avoid.

### Record Number Of UK Lawyers Register In Ireland Pre-Brexit

A record number of British lawyers have registered to practice in Ireland so far this year amid worries that the U.K. will vote to pull out of the European Union and its legal infrastructure in the so-called Brexit, the Law Society of Ireland said on Monday.

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