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DIVERSITY SNAPSHOT

The Top 100 Firms For Minority Attorneys

For the second straight year, Law360 has ranked the 100 top U.S. law firms for minorities, based on the firm's minority representation at the partner and nonpartner levels and its total number of minority attorneys.

The Top 50 Firms For Minority Equity Partners

While equity partnerships at U.S. law firms remain overwhelmingly white, 50 firms have widened the playing field for attorneys of color, according to Law360 data.

US Law Firms Fail To Move Needle On Racial Diversity

Law firms continue to make negligible progress toward improving the diversity of their attorney ranks, according to Law360's annual headcount survey.

The 5 Ways BigLaw Is Failing Minorities

The legal industry continues to be a grim place for minorities to work and thrive, lagging behind other white collar professions when it comes to inclusion. Here, experts outline the practices and failures that prevent firms from making progress.

White & Case Outpacing Peers In Diversity

More than a third of White & Case LLP's United States attorneys are minorities, placing the international firm at the top of Law360's 2016 Diversity Snapshot.

TOP NEWS

House Passes Comprehensive Anti-Opioid Abuse Bill

The U.S. House of Representatives on Friday easily passed a comprehensive bill covering a broad range of anti-opioid abuse and drug overdose programs, sending lawmakers to conference with the Senate to come up with a compromise final bill.

GOP Grills EPA Head Over Clean Power Plan Work

Republican leaders on the House Energy and Commerce Committee accused the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Friday of undermining the U.S. Supreme Court's stay of the Clean Power Plan by charging forward with "regulatory processes that are integrally related to the suspended rule."

DC Circ. Declares Foreign Student Work Rule Fight 'Moot'

LAW FIRMS

Adelson Testan
Ahmad Zavitsanos
Akerman
Akin Gump
Allen Matkins
Alston & Bird
Altshuler Berzon
Andrews Kurth
Archer Norris
Arent Fox
Arnold & Porter
Atkinson Andelson
Babst Calland
Baker & McKenzie
Baker Botts
Ballard Spahr
Barton LLP
Beasley Allen
Berry Appleman
Best Best
Bilzin Sumberg
Bordas & Bordas
Bowman and Brooke
Bracewell LLP
Brinks Gilson & Lione
Brooks Kushman
Buchalter Nemer
Cadwalader Wickersham
Cantor Colburn
Carlton Fields
Cleary Gottlieb
Coblentz Patch
Cohen Milstein
Conrad O'Brien

Just days after a new foreign student work rule took effect, the D.C. Circuit on Friday threw out a technology union's challenge to a similar 2008 regulation from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, saying the case was moot now that the challenged rule is no longer active.

Obama Tells Schools To Let Trans Students Pick Bathrooms

The Obama administration on Friday issued a letter to public schools declaring that, under Title IX of the education code, discrimination against transgender students is sex discrimination, and stepped in on a hot-button issue by directing schools to let students use the bathrooms that fit their gender identity.

GMU Law Profs Slam Colleagues Against Scalia Renaming

Law professors at George Mason University have shot back against GMU's general faculty for criticizing the renaming of its law school in honor of the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, calling a recent resolution about Scalia's comments on women and minorities "ill-informed" and "specious."

ANALYSIS

4 Things To Know As Equity Crowdfunding Rules Take Effect

Four years after Congress passed the landmark Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act to expand capital-raising tools for small companies, rules governing equity crowdfunding go live Monday. Here's what attorneys need to know.

Ex-NY Pols' Graft Appeals May Depend On McDonnell Case

The corruption convictions and prison sentences for two of New York's onetime most powerful lawmakers have sent shockwaves across the state's political establishment, but their expected appeals may hinge on a forthcoming decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in the bribery case against former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell.

Feds Face Hard Sell As Complex Fattah Corruption Trial Opens

U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah's indictment on corruption charges may have cost him last month's Democratic primary, but whether it costs him his freedom is a question attorneys say will hinge on whether prosecutors can prove a dense, document-driven case to jurors as the trial kicks off in Philadelphia on Monday.

BANKING & SECURITIES

DC Circ. Questions Merit Of SEC Constitutionality Appeal

Members of a D.C. Circuit panel questioned a former fund manager's challenge to the constitutionality of U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission judges, asking whether the judges need to be appointed when the commission has the power to overrule them entirely.

Banks Unlikely To Follow Kerry's Push On Iran Contacts

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Thursday urged European banks to do business with Iran now that nuclear sanctions have been lifted, but that's unlikely to happen until the risks are worth it, experts say.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Constangy Brooks
Covington & Burling
Crowell & Moring
DLA Piper
Davis Polk
Day Pitney
Debevoise & Plimpton
Dentons
Drinker Biddle
Faegre Baker
Fenwick & West
Finnegan
Fish & Richardson
Flaster/Greenberg
Ford & Harrison
Foster Pepper
Fragomen Del Rey
Franczek Radelet
Fredericks Peebles
Fross Zelnick
Gibson Dunn
Gordon & Rees
Greenberg Traurig
Griesing Law
Gunster
Hall Estill
Hanson Bridgett
Haynes and Boone
Hinshaw & Culbertson
Holland & Knight
Hunton & Williams
Irell & Manella
Irwin Fritchie
Jackson Lewis
Jackson Walker
Jones Day
K&L Gates
Kaufman Dolowich
Kelley Drye
Kilpatrick Townsend
Kirkland & Ellis
Knobbe Martens
Lane Powell
Latham & Watkins
Leason Ellis
Lewis Brisbois

House GOP Lawmaker To Unveil Zika Funding Plan

A senior Republican congressman said Friday he plans to unveil a plan for additional funding to fight the Zika virus next week, offering few details aside from saying the plan will provide much less than the \$1.1 billion bipartisan Senate measure released Thursday, according to reports.

ACA Pay Rule Threatens Emergency Care, Suit Says

An Affordable Care Act regulation related to emergency-care reimbursement fails to ensure that providers will be properly paid and should be invalidated, according to a complaint filed Thursday in D.C. federal court.

IP & TECHNOLOGY

Senate Judiciary Leader Won't Consider Patent Venue Bill

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley is not planning to take action on a bill aimed only at restricting where patent suits can be filed and is instead focused on more comprehensive legislation aimed at so-called patent trolls, the senator's office confirmed on Friday.

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Daily Fantasy Sports Bill Passed By Missouri Lawmakers

Missouri lawmakers on Thursday passed a bill that would legalize daily fantasy sports and place it under the authority of the state's gambling commission, sending the legislation on to the governor.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Judge Delays Deadline For List Of GWB Scandal Conspirators

A New Jersey federal judge on Friday refused to grant an unidentified individual's last-minute bid to block the public release of unindicted co-conspirators in the George Washington Bridge lane closure scandal after pushing the deadline back in response to the alleged co-conspirator's request.

EMPLOYMENT

Illinois Union Can Rep Nonpublic Employees, Judge Rules

An Illinois federal judge on Thursday threw out a legal challenge to union representation in Illinois, saying home health care workers who receive funding from the state but are nonpublic employees cannot bypass the SEIU to negotiate employment terms.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Gov't Contractors Must Secure Federal Data Under New Rule

Federal agencies will soon be required to include language in contracts and solicitations requiring contractors to adopt basic cybersecurity measures to protect systems containing information about federal contracts, according to a rule scheduled for publication in the Federal Register on Monday.

DOD's Postwar Equipment Pullout Plans Subpar, GAO Says

While relocating resources from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, the U.S. Department of Defense has risked leaving military branches without adequate guidance on what to do with combat equipment, according to a U.S. Government Accountability Office report published Friday.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Liebert Cassidy
Manatt Phelps
Mayer Brown
McAndrews Held
McCusker Anselmi
McDermott Will
Michelman & Robinson
Miller Canfield
Miller Nash
Mitchell Silberberg
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Munger Tolles
O'Melveny & Myers
Ogletree Deakins
Orrick Herrington
Osha Liang
Patterson & Sheridan
Paul Hastings
Paul Weiss
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Post & Schell
Powers Pyles
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Quinn Emanuel
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Richards Layton
Roberts Markel
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Rumberger Kirk
Rutan & Tucker
Sanford Heisler
Schiff Hardin
Schnader Harrison
Seed Intellectual
Selman Breitman
Shapiro Arato
Shearman & Sterling
Sheppard Mullin
Shutts & Bowen
Sidley Austin
Skadden
Skiermont Derby
Squire Patton Boggs

WTO Agriculture Chair Says Subsidies Still Top Priority

The World Trade Organization's chair of agriculture negotiations recently said subsidies remain a top priority in reforming agricultural trade, but called it both "embarrassing and troubling" that the majority of members are not up to date in their subsidies notifications.

Trade Groups Say Treasury Is Rushing Anti-Inversion Regs

Nearly a dozen lobby groups, including the American Petroleum Institute and the National Retail Federation, accused the U.S. Department of the Treasury on Thursday of moving too fast to implement new anti-inversion regulations which they said will slow down investments and economic growth.

EU Seeks Comments On Draft TTIP Impact Report

Independent consulting firm Ecorys released a draft report concerning the potential environmental, economic and social impacts of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, which European Union Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom cautioned Friday should be "taken with a pinch of salt" in a blog post inviting public comment.

TAX

IRS Chief's Possible Impeachment Slated For House Hearings

The House Judiciary Committee said Friday it would schedule two hearings to determine whether Internal Revenue Service head John Koskinen should be impeached for failing to produce emails and lying to Congress over the agency's alleged unfair scrutiny of conservative groups seeking tax-exempt status.

Feds Say Jail Isn't Stopping Ex-Rep. From Preparing Case

Prosecutors hit back after former U.S. Rep. Mel Reynolds told an Illinois federal judge he has to plead guilty to misdemeanor tax evasion because he can't prepare for trial in jail, arguing that Reynolds has restricted his own ability to represent himself.

IMMIGRATION

Only Congress Can Give Samoans Citizenship, Justices Told

The Obama administration has asked the U.S. Supreme Court not to hear an appeal from a group of American Samoans seeking birthright citizenship for people born in the U.S. territory, arguing the issue is one for Congress to decide.

Gov't Being 'Hyperbolic' In Immigrant Bond Row, Justices Told

A green card holder urged the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday to reject an appeal from the government of a ruling that certain immigrants should get bond hearings after six months of detention, saying the government's claim that the court should take the case for border control reasons was "hyperbolic."
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NATIVE AMERICAN

EPA Finalizes Rule Giving Tribes Clean Water Act Authority

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Friday unveiled a final rule that gives some Native American tribes the power to administer Clean Water Act

Sterne Kessler
Stradley Ronon
Sughrue Mion
Sullivan & Cromwell
Susman Godfrey
Sutherland Asbill
Tenzer PLLC
Thompson Coe
VLP Law Group
Weil Gotshal
White & Case
Wilson Sonsini
Wood Smith

COMPANIES

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American Bar Association
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American College of Emergency Physicians
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American Petroleum Institute Inc
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Apple Inc.
Associated Press
BTI Consulting Group Inc.
Barclays PLC
Berkeley Research Group
CTIA
Cara Operations Ltd.
Comcast Corporation
DISH Network Corporation
Deutsche Bank AG
DraftKings Inc.
Electronic Frontier Foundation
FanDuel Inc.
Farm Credit System
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Inc.
Global Automakers
Google Inc.
HSBC Holdings PLC
Immigration Reform Law Institute
Intel Corporation
Interstate Natural Gas Association of America
Medtronic Inc.

programs and receive grants just like states.

Gov't Says Top Court Case Backs Law Killing Tribe Casino Suit

The federal government called on a D.C. Circuit panel to affirm the dismissal of a Michigan man's challenge to a tribe's casino project on neighboring land, maintaining that a recent Supreme Court case reinforced Congress' authority to bar his suit.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Berkeley Rips Group's FCC Radiation Rule Claims At 9th Circ.

The City of Berkeley, California, has told the Ninth Circuit that an argument by CTIA-The Wireless Association that the Federal Communications Commission does not require radio frequency disclosures is blatantly false, as the organization challenges the city's attempt to require cellphone retailers to include a radiation warning with all sales.

ILLINOIS

Social Services Bill Likely To Die On Ill. Gov.'s Desk

A \$715 million funding bill meant to tide over some social services until the Illinois General Assembly can end the state's budget stalemate passed both houses on Thursday, but its run is likely to end at Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's desk.

PEOPLE

Babst Calland Adds 3rd Former PHMSA Atty To DC Office

Babst Calland Clements & Zomnir PC announced on Thursday that it's building out its new Washington, D.C., office with the addition of a third shareholder in its pipeline and hazmat safety practice who used to be an attorney for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

In Congress: Appropriations

Senate consideration of the Energy and Water appropriations bill was almost sidetracked last week by a contentious amendment from Sen. Tom Cotton on the Iran nuclear deal. While Leader McConnell found a path forward, the delay it provoked and the partisan tensions it raised reveal the tenuous and fraught effort to pass all 12 appropriations bills before the end of the fiscal year, say members of Covington & Burling LLP.

The Future Of Medicare Physician Reimbursement

Just over a year after the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act was signed into law, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently unveiled the long-awaited proposed rule to begin its implementation. The 962-page notice offers important insight into how the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will link physician payments to quality care through MACRA, say attorneys with Proskauer Rose LLP.

New Considerations As SEC Amends Registration Rules

As a result of recently adopted amendments to the Exchange Act registration requirements, companies close to triggering registration thresholds may need to adopt better tracking and planning procedures. Among other things,

MillerCoors LLC

NBCUniversal Inc.

National Association of
Manufacturers

National Retail Federation Inc.

National Right to Work Legal
Defense Foundation

New York Times Co.

Office Depot Inc.

Porsche

Public Knowledge

SIFMA

Standard Chartered PLC

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Wells Fargo & Co.

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Management

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Office

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Prevention

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Bureau

Equal Employment Opportunity
Commission

European Commission

Executive Office of the Presiden

Federal Communications
Commission

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp

Federal Election Commission

Federal Reserve System

Federal Trade Commission

Food and Drug Administration

Government Accountability Office

Immigration and Customs
Enforcement

Internal Revenue Service

Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Bai
of Pottawatomi

employee compensation plans that permit transfers of securities received under such plans could cause companies to exceed thresholds, say attorneys with Mayer Brown LLP.

How The Beer Industry Can Brew Better Franchise Laws

Breweries want to focus on making beer without the unnecessary addition of also running a distribution company and the distribution model is still one of the most convenient and efficient methods for getting beer to the marketplace. However, antiquated franchise laws have created a lack of negotiating parity and choice in options for the emerging craft brewing industry, says Joshua Aubuchon at Holland & Knight LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

6 Lessons BigLaw Can Learn From Boutiques

Although they can't compete with large firms over the menu of services they might offer, boutique law firms can edge out bigger rivals for legal work through flexibility, personal involvement with clients and a laserlike focus on select practice areas. Here, experts share six ways BigLaw can learn from boutique competitors.

How To Think Like A Judge And Be A Better Legal Writer

To write persuasively and win court cases, lawyers need to learn to think like judges, according to an academic paper published Thursday, and while getting inside a judge's head isn't always easy, the paper's author offers three tips for accomplishing it.

Law Firms See Biggest Q1 Revenue Bump Since 2008

Law firm revenue in the first quarter of 2016 was up 5.8 percent over the same period last year, the sector's largest jump in first quarter revenue since 2008, according to the results of a Citi Private Bank survey made public on Friday.

GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration wants to make your workplace injury data public, and law firms want to charge you more. Those stories top the in-house news you may have missed last week.

Del. Chancery Welcomes Ex-Morris James Partner To Bench

Delaware's Court of Chancery formally welcomed a veteran judge and litigator as the 39th member of the state's 224-year-old institution Friday, with Joseph R. Slights III taking a ceremonial oath and donning his robe during an investiture in Dover.

In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms And Stories On Law360

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week.

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