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LITIGATION POWERHOUSES

Law360 Names Top 50 Firms For Litigation

Historic, precedent-setting wins in class action litigation. Jaw-dropping jury verdicts in courts across the country. Victories in the smartphone wars. Dramatic upsets on appeal. Law360's Litigation Powerhouses leveraged their deep legal talent to score remarkable wins for their clients over the past year, landing them a spot on our inaugural ranking of the top firms for litigation.

4 Traits Of The Top Litigation Firms

All litigation powerhouses boast talented trial lawyers, but the 20 firms at the top of their game don't just rely on their litigators. Here, we talk about the four traits that led the elite of the Litigation Powerhouses to become the go-to firms for bet-the-company cases.

5 Small(er) But Mighty Litigation Shops

Five relatively small but fearsome law firms landed a spot on Law360's 2016 list of 50 Litigation Powerhouses after they laced up their gloves and brought the pain in their fights for clients, winning some of the biggest cases over the past year.

TOP NEWS

Trump Crosses Trade Rubicon With Hint Of WTO Withdrawal

Donald Trump pushed his already contentious trade policy vision even further this week as he suggested withdrawing the U.S. from the World Trade Organization, a move that experts say would have cataclysmic effects not only for the U.S. but also the entire global marketplace.

CFPB Enforcement Actions Could Guide Debt Collection Rules

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is expected to release a detailed road map on new rules for the debt collection industry Thursday, and experts say the recent string of bureau enforcement actions against collectors, banks and law firms should serve as a guide for how that map will look.

EU Officials OK 'Privacy Shield' Data Transfer Pact For Now

Europe's privacy regulators on Tuesday gave conditional backing to the new

LAW FIRMS

Akin Gump
Anderson Kill
Arnold & Porter
Astigarraga Davis
Baker & McKenzie
Baker Botts
BakerHostetler
Bassford Remele
Boies Schiller
Bracewell LLP
Bradley Arant
Bryan Cave
Burke Law Group
Carlton Fields
Carmody & Torrance
Cooley
Covington & Burling
Cravath Swaine
Crowell & Moring
DLA Piper
Davis Polk
Davis Wright Tremaine
Debevoise & Plimpton
Dechert
Dentons
Dorsey & Whitney
Duane Morris
Faegre Baker
Fennemore Craig
Finnegan

trans-Atlantic Privacy Shield data transfer deal, saying that while they still had lingering concerns about the framework's ability to safeguard Europeans' privacy, they would refrain from mounting challenges to the pact for at least a year.

[DOL Blasts Insurer's Challenge To Fiduciary Rule Exemptions](#)

The U.S. Department of Labor has shot back in Kansas federal court at an insurance agency's bid to nix exemptions to the department's new fiduciary rule for financial professionals advising retirement accounts, saying an injunction would prolong ongoing harm to retirement investors.

[AT&T Launches Robocall 'Strike Force' At FCC Behest](#)

AT&T intends to lead an industry "strike force" to curb robocalls Monday through greater availability of free call-blocking services to customers, after the Federal Communications Commission last week called for help to address its number one source of consumer complaints.

[White House Rolls Out Federal Response To Cyberattacks](#)

The White House on Tuesday unveiled a directive outlining how the federal government will respond to significant cyberattacks — those that are likely to harm national security — as part of a larger effort to deal with "rapidly evolving" threats, according to remarks from a White House staffer.

BANKING & SECURITIES

[Tilton Tie-Up Foiled, Duka Urges 2nd Circ. SEC Ruling Redo](#)

Former Standard & Poor's executive Barbara Duka filed her own bid Monday for the Second Circuit to rethink requiring her to face the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's in-house court, after the appeals court shot down a joint petition with Lynn Tilton.

[SEC Proposes New Order-Routing Disclosure Rules](#)

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission published a set of proposed rule changes Tuesday that it said are intended to increase transparency in security order routing.

[CFTC Clarifies CCO Oversight Of Swaps Reporting](#)

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission clarified reporting duties for chief compliance officers for swaps dealers and other entities Monday, saying additional dialogue with senior management is permissible so long as it does not replace the CCO's obligation to inform the company's board of directors or senior officer.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

[NY, Mass. AGs Snub GOP Rep.'s Climate Change Subpoena](#)

The New York and Massachusetts attorneys general told the chairman of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology on Tuesday that a congressional subpoena seeking communications about an alleged scheme to silence climate change critics will interfere with their ongoing fraud investigations into whether ExxonMobil misled consumers and investors about climate change.

[FWS Finalizes Plan For Prioritizing ESA Status Reviews](#)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Tuesday finalized a new prioritization

[Fish & Richardson](#)

[Foley & Lardner](#)

[Foster Pepper](#)

[Fox Rothschild](#)

[Fredrikson & Byron](#)

[Gibson Dunn](#)

[Goldman Scarlato](#)

[Goodwin Procter](#)

[Gray Plant](#)

[Greenberg Traurig](#)

[Greensfelder Hemker](#)

[Hanson Bridgett](#)

[Hattis Law](#)

[Haynes and Boone](#)

[Hogan Lovells](#)

[Holland & Hart](#)

[Holland & Knight](#)

[Hughes Hubbard](#)

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[Ice Miller](#)

[Jackson Lewis](#)

[Jenner & Block](#)

[K&L Gates](#)

[Katten Muchin](#)

[Kaye Scholer](#)

[King & Spalding](#)

[Kirkland & Ellis](#)

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[McKool Smith](#)

[Mintz Levin](#)

[Morgan Lewis](#)

[Morrison & Foerster](#)

[Neal Gerber](#)

[Norton Rose Fulbright](#)

[O'Melveny & Myers](#)

[Ogletree Deakins](#)

system for petitions to list animals under the Endangered Species Act, a move the agency said will improve response time and transparency.

DC To Require 50% Renewable Energy By 2032

Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser signed a renewable energy bill on Monday that requires at least half of the district's energy to come from renewable sources by 2032 and is intended to make clean energy alternatives more available to residents.

Pa. Court Tosses Effort To Compel Greenhouse Gas Study

A Pennsylvania appeals court on Tuesday rebuffed a group of state residents seeking a court order requiring the governor's office and several state regulators to conduct studies and develop plans to reduce greenhouse gases, saying the petitioners do not have a clear right to have these requests satisfied.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Bharara Probing De Blasio's Role In LICH Sale: Reports

U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Preet Bharara is investigating the role of New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio in the sale of Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn for redevelopment, according to late Monday reports.

Fla. Fights To Salvage Part Of Controversial 'Gun Gag' Law

The state of Florida fought Monday to salvage what it could of a law curbing doctors from asking patients about firearm ownership, telling the Eleventh Circuit — which all but told the state last month it was unconstitutional — that the provision barring doctors from dropping patients because they own guns can be severed from the statute.

Birth Control Mandate Limited To Religious Groups, HHS Says

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services told the Third Circuit on Monday that a secular anti-abortion nonprofit shouldn't be exempt from providing health insurance covering contraception, arguing that a lower court rightly ruled that the group is not a religious organization and isn't losing any fundamental rights.

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

NHL Commish Disputes Link Between Hockey & Brain Injuries

National Hockey League Commissioner Gary Bettman dismissed a link between hockey head injuries and the degenerative brain condition known as CTE in a letter to Sen. Richard Blumenthal that was filed Monday in multidistrict litigation over the issue.

New York Boxing Regulator Systemically Broken: Report

Rampant dysfunction at the state agency that regulates combat sports in New York hindered its response to a November 2013 heavyweight title fight that left one boxer with a devastating brain injury, according to a report released Monday by the New York State Inspector General.

INSURANCE

Arizona Ends 6-Year Freeze On CHIP Enrollments

Orrick Herrington

Paul Hastings

Paul Weiss

Perkins Coie

Petrillo Klein

Pillsbury Winthrop

Polsinelli

Proskauer Rose

Quarles & Brady

Quinn Emanuel

Reed Smith

Robbins Geller

Robins Kaplan

Ropes & Gray

Schiff Hardin

Seyfarth Shaw

Shearman & Sterling

Sheppard Mullin

Shook Hardy

Sidley Austin

Silverman Thompson

Skadden

Squire Patton Boggs

Steptoe & Johnson LLP

Sullivan & Cromwell

Sutherland Asbill

Thompson & Knight

Troutman Sanders

Venable LLP

Vinson & Elkins

Walters Bender

Weil Gotshal

White & Case

Wilkinson Walsh

Williams & Connolly

WilmerHale

Wilson Elser

Winston & Strawn

Zelle LLP

Zimmerman Reed

COMPANIES

AT&T Inc.

Acorda Therapeutics, Inc.

Airbnb Inc.

American Bar Association

Arizona's six-year freeze on new enrollments in the Children's Health Insurance Program ended on Tuesday, opening the program to about 30,000 to 40,000 children, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said.

COMPETITION

Unrepentant Blagojevich Doesn't Deserve Leniency: Gov't

In their final written arguments before ex-Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich's resentencing next month, prosecutors told the federal judge overseeing the disgraced politician's case Monday that he still hasn't accepted responsibility for his crimes, while his defense argued the crimes remaining are less serious and warrant a shorter sentence.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Agencies Often Overpay For Tech Products, Watchdog Says

A U.S. General Services Administration watchdog on Monday pointed to wide discrepancies between sellers' prices for otherwise identical information technology products under the relevant Federal Supply Schedule, saying that overpricing and other IT vendor issues are unnecessarily costing the government millions of dollars.

GAO Says Army Corps, FEMA Need To Work On Levee Safety

The U.S. Government Accountability Office said Tuesday that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Federal Emergency Management Agency have made very little progress on a levee-safety program mandated by Congress in 2014, missing deadlines and leaving open the possibility of safety and financial risks.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Sanders Calls On Dems To End Trans-Pacific Partnership

Telling voters that Hillary Clinton "must become the next president of the United States," former presidential contender Bernie Sanders on Monday in his speech before the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia called for an end to the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal.

TAX

Mass. Governor Does About-Face On Airbnb Tax

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker retracted earlier public statements in support of taxing Airbnb rentals, saying instead Tuesday that he cannot support the state Senate's current version of legislation calling for the tax.

British Columbia Proposes Real Estate Tax On Foreign Buyers

Americans looking to make a Canadian getaway this fall could find Vancouver, British Columbia, considerably more pricey if a 15 percent tax on foreign homebuyers introduced Monday goes into law.

Calif. Consumers Want Cellphone Tax Row Back In State Court

Four California residents who initiated a lawsuit in state court accusing several telecommunications companies and California's tax agency of illegally collecting hundreds of millions of dollars in cellphone sales taxes re-pleaded their case in federal court Monday after AT&T moved the putative class action.

IMMIGRATION

American Council of Life Insurers
American Immigration Lawyers Association
Ames & Gough
Apple Inc.
AstraZeneca
BTI Consulting Group Inc.
CTIA
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Citigroup Inc.
Consumer Reports
Converse Inc.
ESPN Inc.
Encore Capital Group Inc.
Facebook
Foxwoods Resort Casino
Google Inc.
International Business Machines Corporation
International Paper Co.
JPMorgan Chase & Co.
KBR, Inc.
Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers
MGM Resorts International
Madison Square Garden, Inc.
McGraw Hill Financial Inc.
Microsoft Corporation
Mohegan Sun
NFL Enterprises LLC
National Collegiate Athletic Association
National Consumer Law Center
National Hockey League
Natural Resources Defense Council
New York Daily News Co.
New York Post
New York State Bar Association
Nike Inc.
OppenheimerFunds Inc.
Portfolio Recovery Associates Ir
S.A.C. Capital Advisors LP
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.
Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc
Sprint Nextel Corporation
State Bar of California

US To Expand Central American Refugee Program

The U.S. government on Tuesday announced the expansion of a refugee program for Central American children, as well as a new transfer arrangement with Costa Rica, with the updates coming after the U.S. saw an increase in apprehensions of families at the southern border earlier this summer.

NATIVE AMERICAN

Ariz. Gaming Chief Loses Bid To Shield Email In Casino Suit

A federal judge ruled Monday that an email between lawyers for Arizona Department of Gaming Director Daniel Bergin and the Gila River Indian Community is not protected by privilege, ordering its disclosure in another tribe's suit against state officials over its right to offer Las Vegas-style gaming near Phoenix.

Feds Say Wash. County Has No Injury In Tribal Land Suit

The U.S. Department of the Interior urged a federal court Monday to toss a Washington county's lawsuit over the government's alleged refusal to make a decision on whether a tract of land rests within the Yakama Nation's reservation, arguing the county doesn't have standing to sue because it can't specify an injury.

MGM Asks 2nd Circ. To Revive Conn. Tribal Casino Law Fight

MGM Resorts International pressed the Second Circuit on Monday to revive its lawsuit challenging a Connecticut law that paves the way for the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan tribes to open a third casino in the state.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

FDA, Nonprofits Ask Ninth Circ. To Stay Perchlorate Case

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the six nonprofits pushing it to ban the food additive perchlorate asked the Ninth Circuit on Monday to stay a lawsuit brought by the nonprofits over the agency's alleged delay in acting on their petition to ban the substance, agreeing that if the agency acts by March 2017 the case would be moot.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

New Texting Regs Would Spell Spamageddon: Wireless Group

CTIA-The Wireless Association is actively lobbying against efforts by automatic text messaging service Twilio to change the Federal Communications Commission's regulatory approach to text messages, insisting to the agency in a regulatory filing on Monday that such changes would open the floodgates to spammers and eliminate consumer protections already in place.

FCC Commish Questions Mobile-Only Subsidy Plan

The Federal Communications Commission should not adopt a mobile-only subsidy, but if it must, the program should avoid overlapping support while directing money to those unserved areas that need it the most, the agency's Michael O'Rielly said Monday.

Consumer Law Group Slams FCC's Robocalls Exemption

The National Consumer Law Center told the Federal Communications

T-Mobile USA Inc.

The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation

Time Inc.

Trinity Industries Inc.

Twilio Inc.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

United States Telecom Association

Verizon Communications

WGBH Educational Foundation Inc.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Army Corps of Engineers

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Department of Commerce

European Commission

Executive Office of the President

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Federal Communications Commission

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Federal Housing Finance Agency

Fish and Wildlife Service

Food and Drug Administration

Gila River Indian Community

Government Accountability Office

Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation

NATO

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Securities and Exchange Commission

Tohono O'odham Nation

U.S. Army

U.S. Department of Defense

U.S. Department of Energy

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Department of Justice

Commission to rethink its ruling that robocalls made by the federal government or on its behalf are Telephone Consumer Protection Act exempt, arguing Tuesday that the finding is "a dangerous interpretation of the law."

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Testing The UBE: Portable But Inaccurate Bar Exam Scores

While there is not much that is new about the uniform bar exam's components, what is new is that where you take the bar exam may make the difference between passing and failing. Half of the score depends on the strength of the applicant pool in the jurisdiction where the candidate wrote the exam, which may lead to "UBE shopping," says Suzanne Darrow-Kleinhaus, director of bar programs at Touro Law Center.

Common Mistakes Employers Of Calif. Domestic Workers Make

Despite the fact that it has been over two years since California's Domestic Workers Bill of Rights was enacted, many household employers are still unaware of their employment obligations and the associated risks. As a result, there are a growing number of claims and lawsuits alleging substantial amounts of unpaid wages and owed penalties, say Scott Liner and Tiffany Caterina at Liner LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Survey Shows Top Firms For Women Lawyers

The percentage of BigLaw management seats and equity partnerships held by women ticked up again last year, according to a survey released Tuesday that named the 50 best firms for female attorneys.

3 Reasons Why Being A Good Lawyer Just Isn't Enough

A good lawyer is often viewed as someone with a record of understanding and using the law to his or her client's advantage, but in today's industry, an exceptional knowledge of the law alone just doesn't cut it, experts say.

The 8 Big Firms That Haven't Matched Cravath

Nearly two months since the race to raise associate salaries started, a small percentage of the nation's largest law firms have shunned the lockstep pay hikes ushered in by Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP and instead have chosen to abstain. Here, find out who the mavericks are.

Husch Blackwell Attys To Get Raises, But Not Cravath Matches

Missouri-based Husch Blackwell LLP has decided to up the salaries of its first-year associates in the seemingly never ending wake of Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP's setting of a new \$180,000 starting salary benchmark, but new associates of the Midwest firm won't be seeing that much green.

Firms Toughen Conflict Checks As Routine Becomes Knotty

BigLaw is strengthening conflict checks when issuing subpoenas in sprawling intellectual property disputes, lawyers said, as what was once a routine discovery matter increasingly draws client ire and conflict headaches.

Ex-Gov.'s Atty Blasts 7th Circ. Judge For 'Abusive Demeanor'

Well-respected U.S. Circuit Judge Frank Easterbrook of the Seventh Circuit is the subject of scathing criticism from a retired attorney who handled part of former Illinois Gov. George Ryan's appeal of a corruption conviction,

U.S. Department of Labor
U.S. Department of State
U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. General Services Administration
U.S. Senate
U.S. Supreme Court
United Nations

according to a law review article published Thursday.

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