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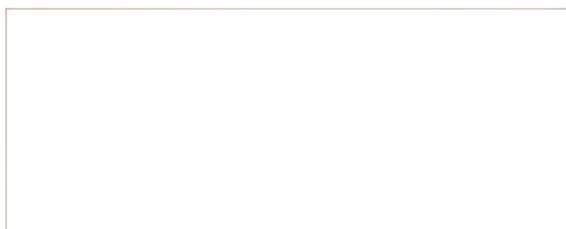
## What It Takes To Earn Top Dollar In The Rate-Crunch Era

By Natalie Rodriguez

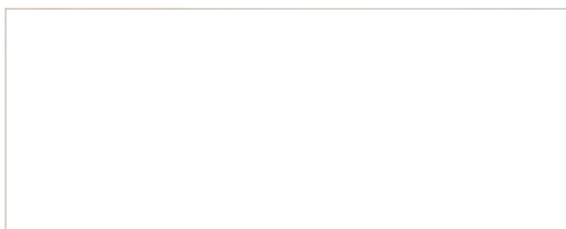
The breaking of the \$1,000 per hour barrier shocked the legal industry just five years ago, but today some in-house counsel are willing to pay twice that amount when competing to retain a game-changing attorney for a crucial case. And as legal departments demand cost savings from their outside counsel in other areas, skyrocketing rates at the top make it more important than ever for law firms to have some heavy hitters on the bench.

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## Incredible Evidence

### How A Same-Sex Harassment Ruling Puts Sexual Identity On Trial

By Max Stendahl

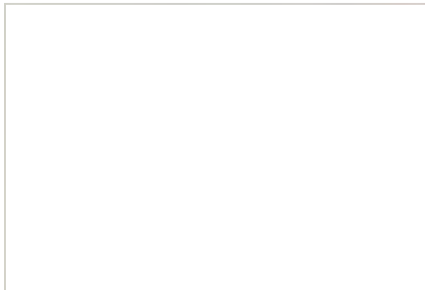
In 1998, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that anti-discrimination laws covered same-sex workplace harassment. But one aspect of the decision carried troubling implications: It encouraged victims to dig for “credible evidence” that their harassers were gay. Eighteen years later, that often unattainable standard continues to sway the outcome of cases nationwide.

## Price Of Admission

### Has the SEC's Policy Shift On Settlements Lived Up To Its Promise?

By Ed Beeson

Three years after Securities and Exchange Commission Chair Mary Jo White announced a new policy to demand admissions of wrongdoing to settle certain cases, the agency says it has had success holding executives and big companies accountable. But critics say the confessions often have few real consequences and many marquee cases continue to settle on familiar “no-admit, no-deny” terms.

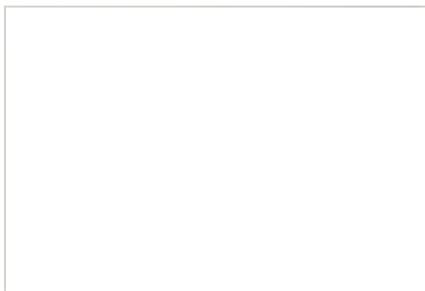


News Analysis

### How A Merck Attorney's Lies Torpedoed A \$200M Patent Verdict

By Ryan Davis

On a conference call of drug company officials in March 2004, Merck & Co. Inc. in-house patent prosecutor Philippe Durette assured representatives of Pharamasset Inc. that he could be trusted with information on its “crown jewel” hepatitis C research. That was the first in a series of lies Durette would tell over the course of the next decade that would end with the reversal this week of a \$200 million patent infringement verdict Merck won against Gilead Sciences Inc.

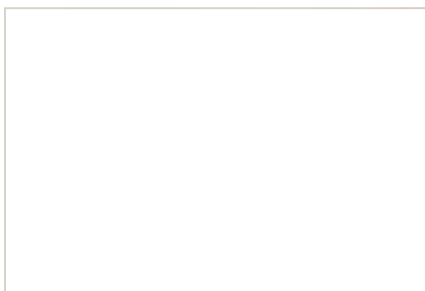


News Analysis

### A New Justice Dominates Oral Arguments In Wake Of Scalia's Death

By Stewart Bishop and Stan Parker

The late Justice Antonin Scalia was known for transforming oral arguments at the U.S. Supreme Court with his voluble, biting and often witty questioning style, but the dynamic has shifted after his death, with a new associate justice taking on the role of most frequent speaker, according to a Law360 analysis.



Sidebar

### Judge Rakoff Talks 2nd Circ. And Other Things That Make Him Laugh

By Aeбра Coe

Judge Jed Rakoff dished about his personal life to Law360 during a recent 10-minute interview, opening up about his

shy side, tendency to hit the dance floor to de-stress, and surprising reaction to being reversed on appeal.

**You Can Quote Me On That**

## **The Week's Best In Legal Talk**

### **Trump, Trivial Thresholds And The 'Thong Song'**

By Richard McVay

Legal eagles in the past week have taken jabs at "The Thong Song," deportations for drug convictions and Donald Trump. Here are the week's best lines from the legal world.

**Secret Lives Of Lawyers**

## **A 'Clowndestine' Identity**

### **Tripp Scott's Chuck Tatelbaum Joins The Parade**

By Carolina Bolado

Chuck Tatelbaum dons an oversize wig and multicolored circus costume each Thanksgiving to the delight of cheering kids who line Manhattan's streets for the annual Macy's parade. And when he's back in the office, the bankruptcy attorney draws on his alter ego to stop the "clowning around" that can occur in heated negotiations.

**Dispatch**

## **Dewey Trial Gets Second Run In Morality Play, For CLE Credit**

### **Review: 'Dewey: An Ethical Musical'**

By Cara Salvatore

"Dewey: An Ethical Musical," a one-night-only show at the Debevoise conference center in Manhattan, is a stirring meditation on the evils of greed and a cautionary tale for every lawyer.

**Op-Ed**

## **Profit Trumps Public Good When Government Hires Private Lawyers**

By Lisa Rickard, U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform

It has become common to see plaintiffs lawyers literally walking the hotel hallways of state attorneys general meetings trying to sell AGs on various types of lawsuits.

**Op-Ed**

## **In Defense Of Copyright Law: The Founding Fathers Had It Right**

By Andrew Stroud, Hanson Bridgett LLP

Along with the right to privacy, the greatest victim of the digital age may be the Copyright Act. The notion that authors should be paid for their work is becoming antiquated.

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