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Ex-SFO Boss Says Collusion Claims Were 'Drunken Boasts'

A former SFO chief defended his decision not to investigate "absurd" accusations that the agency fed insider information to help a Dechert attorney win work on high-profile fraud cases, testifying Tuesday that these were "probably the boasts of a man in drink."

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NFL Concussion Deal Masters Say Atty Fabricated Evidence

A Florida attorney accused of swindling NFL players out of their life savings also "engaged in a wide-ranging, long-standing, and brazen pattern and practice of manufacturing evidence" for concussion settlement payout claims, the settlement's special masters found in a recent decision to disqualify the lawyer and his former firm.

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Manafort Banker Convicted Of Bribery

Former Federal Savings Bank CEO Stephen Calk on Tuesday was convicted of financial institution bribery and conspiracy, over allegations that the banker sought to exchange \$16 million in loans to Paul Manafort for his help in getting a job in the administration of former President Donald Trump.

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FCC Tightens Rules To Eradicate Contraband Phones In Jails

To crack down on extortion plots perpetrated from inside prisons and jails, the Federal Communications Commission is requiring mobile providers to shut down contraband cellphones in correctional facilities.

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Q&A

Ex-Grassley Atty Says Trust Is Key To Whistleblower Venture

Jason Foster, ex-chief investigative counsel to former Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, speaks to Law360 about the mission behind his new nonprofit Empower Oversight, an organization that will assist whistleblowers in government and corporate America.

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Feds Want 18 Mos. For Man Who Threatened Flynn Judge

Federal prosecutors have recommended 18 months in prison for a man who threatened to assault and murder the D.C. federal judge overseeing the politically charged criminal case of ex-Trump national security adviser Michael Flynn.

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COMPLIANCE

Rail Execs Plead Guilty In Worker Safety Case After Explosion

The owners of a rail car cleaning service that employed two workers killed in a 2015 explosion pled guilty Monday to charges related to the deaths, which prosecutors said came after a history of safety violations.

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SECURITIES

7th Circ. Again Upholds First Market Spoofing Conviction

The Seventh Circuit upheld the conviction and sentence for the first trader ever found guilty of spoofing the commodities market for a second time Monday, rejecting his argument that conflicted counsel and newly acquired evidence were enough to receive a new trial.

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SEC Seeks \$6.4M From Duo In Cannabis Investment Scheme

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission wants a self-styled movie producer and his business partner to pay nearly \$6.4 million for allegedly defrauding investors out of \$4.85 million in a would-be recreational cannabis business.

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INSURANCE

Ga. Insurance Commissioner Embezzled \$2M, Jury Told

Georgia's suspended insurance commissioner Jim C. Beck duped friends and family into helping him embezzle more than \$2 million from the state-regulated insurance association he used to run, a federal jury heard during trial openings Tuesday.

Indictment attached | [Read full article »](#)

Insurer Hits Banks With Suit Over \$19M Wire Fraud

An insurer asked a federal judge in Texas to order banks including Bank of America and other institutions to freeze and return nearly \$20 million it said it was tricked into wiring.

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TAX

Feds Fight Architect's Bid To Split Tribal Bribery Case

Federal prosecutors said Monday that tax charges against a former Massachusetts tribal chair should be tried at the same time as claims he accepted bribes from an architect in connection with a casino project.

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2nd Circ. Affirms \$4.3M FBAR Penalty, Says Old Reg Invalid

The U.S. government can collect a \$4.3 million foreign bank account reporting penalty from a man's estate after a split Second Circuit said Tuesday that a 1980s-era regulation capping the penalty was supplanted by a statutory amendment.

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Cooley Adds Experienced NY Prosecutor To Litigation Group

A former New York federal prosecutor who led the prosecutions of many high-profile figures, including former attorney Michael Cohen and financier Jeffrey

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Epstein, has joined Cooley LLP's growing global litigation group, the firm announced Tuesday.

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EXPERT ANALYSIS

Digging Into FCA Stats: In-House Litigation Budget Insights

A deep dive into data about False Claims Act cases, beyond the U.S. Department of Justice's annual statistics, reveals trends that could affect in-house counsel budgeting for FCA litigation and enable better assessment of what life as an FCA defendant may look like, says Ralph Mayrell at Robbins Russell.

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Keys To Efficient And Accurate Doc Review For E-Discovery

Attorneys involved in e-discovery can review information accurately and cost-effectively by understanding the data in a document collection and identifying its key pitfalls, drafting comprehensive review guidelines, and preparing ahead, says John Wertelet at Eckert Seamans.

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LEGAL INDUSTRY

Duane Morris' McSwain To Trump: Pa. Election A 'Disgrace'

Duane Morris partner William McSwain, a former Philadelphia federal prosecutor with his eyes on the Pennsylvania's governor's office, called the state's presidential election a "partisan disgrace" in a bid for Donald Trump's backing.

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Davis Polk Will Try Out Attys Returning To Office Most Days

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP will require attorneys to report to the office at least seven out of every 10 business days starting in September, the firm confirmed to Law360 on Tuesday, making it the latest major law firm to announce plans for more of its lawyers to be back at the office in the fall.

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Atty Moves Up The Coke Chain To GC For North America

A longtime Coca-Cola attorney has been promoted to general counsel for North America, he said in a LinkedIn post Monday, the latest change in the beverage giant's legal department this year.

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Facebook Hires ACLU Atty For Civil Rights Team

Facebook Inc. has hired an American Civil Liberties Union legislative attorney to serve as associate general counsel for its civil rights team.

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Podcast

Pro Say Movie Club: 'Legally Blonde'

Twenty years ago today, sorority queen Elle Woods proved that law school was for more than just people who were "boring and ugly and serious" as she conquered Harvard Law in the iconic 2001 comedy "Legally Blonde."

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