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Analysis

Bridgegate To Reach High Court In McDonnell's Shadow

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday will explore the line where political mischief turns criminal in the wake of its landmark McDonnell decision, with justices examining whether prosecutors in the so-called Bridgegate case overreached in applying federal statutes to a scheme to realign lanes on the George Washington Bridge.

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Ex-FinCEN Staffer Cops To BuzzFeed Russia Probe Leaks

A former senior adviser at the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network on Monday admitted to revealing banks' suspicious activity reports related to a probe of Russia's efforts to influence the 2016 presidential election to a journalist.

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Feds Dispute Ariad Insider Suspect's 'Wrong Man' Theory

Federal prosecutors asked a Manhattan jury Monday to rely on what they call "overwhelming" circumstantial evidence to convict an entrepreneur of leaking secrets about his father's pharmaceutical company to a trader friend, pushing back against a defense theory that another suspect is the tipper.

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Jury Hears Of Ex-Barbados Official's Purported Corruption

Jurors on Monday heard of "lies, corruption and greed" as the trial began for a former Barbados government official accused of laundering money from bribes he took while steering state contracts to an insurance company.

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Startup's CEO Stole Investor Cash For Maserati, Jury Told

Federal prosecutors kicked off the money laundering trial of Sanovas Inc. CEO Lawrence Gerrans on Monday, telling a San Francisco jury that the medical device startup executive embezzled nearly \$3 million from investors — money he spent on a mansion, a Maserati and a \$50,000 diamond ring.

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Weinstein Judge Threatens Jail For Jurors' Social Media Posts

A Manhattan state court judge presiding over the rape trial of Harvey Weinstein warned prospective jurors — including supermodel Gigi Hadid — not to post on social media about their experience, threatening possible jail time for anyone violating a court order against it.

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SECURITIES

Asset Manager Pleads Guilty In \$164M Pump-And-Dump Scam

The accused mastermind of a \$164 million international pump-and-dump stock scheme pled guilty to securities fraud and conspiracy to commit securities fraud in Boston federal court Monday.

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Ex-Deutsche Trader Says DOJ Outsourced Spoofing Probe

A former trader at Deutsche Bank is seeking to convince an Illinois federal judge that prosecutors outsourced their investigation into spoofing to the bank and its counsel at Linklaters, Cadwalader and Kirkland, raising the same constitutional rights issue as in U.S. v. Connolly.

6 documents attached | [Read full article »](#)

FDA Slams Theranos Execs' 'Unprecedented' Doc Bid

A U.S. Food and Drug Administration attorney on Monday criticized demands by former Theranos CEO Elizabeth Holmes and another executive for internal documents to help them prepare their criminal defense against fraud charges, saying the scope of the requests are "wholly unprecedented" and diverting the agency's valuable resources.

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BANK FRAUD

Qatar Move To Steer Biz To Barclays There 'In Black & White'

There is clear evidence that Qatar tried to steer business toward Barclays after it struck a controversial side deal with the country that prosecutors allege was used to hide payments linked to emergency fundraising, a former bank executive told a jury on Monday.

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'Cocaine Cowboy' Can't Kick Conviction For Car Fraud

Former drug trafficker Michael "Mickey" Munday couldn't shake his fraud conviction and 12-year prison sentence after the Eleventh Circuit upheld a Florida federal court's ruling over a \$1.7 million vehicle "title-washing" scheme Monday.

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

Banks Call TelexFree Suit Revision A Waste of Time

A slew of financial services providers including Wells Fargo, Bank of America, TD Bank and PwC pushed back Friday in Massachusetts federal court against an attempt to revise allegations linking them to the TelexFree Ponzi scheme, arguing the repeat bids for revision are wasting the court's time.

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LEGAL ETHICS

Pierce Bainbridge Says Ex-Partner's Suit Must Be Arbitrated

Pierce Bainbridge has told a New York state court that a contentious defamation suit by a former partner belongs in arbitration, saying that the partner signed an arbitration agreement when he was hired.

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HEALTH

Ex-Insys Exec Gets Nearly 3 Years For Opioid Kickbacks

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A former Insys Therapeutics Inc. executive was sentenced to 33 months in prison for his role in an opioid kickback scheme after a Massachusetts federal judge heard emotional testimony Monday from patients who said their lives had been ruined by the drug.

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Insys Judge Wonders If Potential Punishment Is Too Harsh

The Massachusetts federal judge overseeing the case of seven former Insys Therapeutics Inc. executives convicted in an opioid kickback scheme said Monday that the lengthy sentencing guidelines and the government's \$306 million dollar restitution ask may be too severe for the conduct at issue.

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COMPETITION

Justices Skip Case Over 'Per Se' Rule In Antitrust Convictions

The U.S. Supreme Court declined Monday to review criminal antitrust convictions handed down against three California residents for bid-rigging, despite arguments from criminal justice nonprofits that the way federal prosecutors went after the violations is unconstitutional.

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EXPERT ANALYSIS

FinCEN's Most Lethal AML Weapon Against Foreign Banks

As the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network plans to increase its use of so-called special measures under the USA Patriot Act, it is a good bet FinCEN will focus its efforts to exile foreign banks it believes pose a money laundering threat to the U.S. financial system, says Arthur Middlemiss at Lewis Baach.

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Series

Judging A Book: Dyk Reviews 'Democracy And Equality'

In their new book "Democracy and Equality: The Enduring Constitutional Vision of the Warren Court," Geoffrey Stone and David Strauss provide valuable context for U.S. Supreme Court decisions under Chief Justice Earl Warren that have profoundly affected the country, but their overly protective attitude sometimes obscures reality, says Federal Circuit Judge Timothy Dyk.

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LEGAL INDUSTRY

'NewLaw' Firm Atrium Lays Off Attorneys And Staff

Venture capital-backed legal technology company and corporate law firm Atrium has reportedly laid off a number of attorneys and staff just over two years after its splashy entrance into the legal market and less than a year after one of its co-founders left the company.

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Firm Leaders Expect Sluggish Growth, Worsening Economy

Law firm managers scanning the horizon in early 2020 have an increasingly pessimistic outlook on both firm performance and the economy, according to a new report, with firm leaders' confidence in the U.S. economy dipping below neutral for the first time in over three years.

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Ex-Kasowitz Atty Says He Was Victim Of Racial, Gay Bias

A former partner at Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP is suing the firm in California court, alleging he faced discrimination because he's black and gay before

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Ex-Facebook GC Approved To Monitor Sprint/T-Mobile Merger

A D.C. federal judge overseeing the government's settlement allowing T-Mobile to buy Sprint has approved the appointment of former Facebook general counsel Theodore W. Ulyot to monitor compliance with the \$56 billion deal should it get greenlighted by the court.

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Ex-King & Spalding Atty Asks To Exclude News Articles

A former King & Spalding LLP associate who says he was fired for raising ethical red flags at the firm asked a New York court Friday to revisit the issue of allowing trial testimony about news coverage of his fee fight with a former counsel and a related court decision.

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Harvard Law Prof Lessig Sues NYT For 'Clickbait Defamation'

Harvard Law School professor Lawrence Lessig launched what he called a "clickbait defamation" action against The New York Times on Monday in Massachusetts federal court, claiming an article in the newspaper falsely implied he defended the notion of taking charitable donations from Jeffrey Epstein.

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Receiver Says Baker Donelson Must Face Timber Scam Suit

A court-appointed receiver for a timber mill business in Mississippi embroiled in Ponzi scheme allegations is defending her suit against Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC, contending she can sue the firm now because she also represents the business' investors.

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Interview

15 Minutes With Peet's Coffee's General Counsel

For general counsel Kristin Ashurst, one of the most exciting aspects of the new year is Peet's Coffee's growing e-commerce channel. Here, she shares what that means for her legal team, her biggest triumph as a lawyer and what she looks for in attorneys who want to join her in-house department.

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