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TOP NEWS

Virus Decisions Today May Hurt Firm Retention Tomorrow

Associates may be stuck in place right now as hiring has ground to a halt during the coronavirus pandemic, but when opportunities open up again, how law firms handled the crisis could have a big impact on whether they retain top talent.

Coronavirus: How Law Firms Are Handling The Downturn

UPDATED April 30, 2020, 12:46 PM EDT | The spreading coronavirus pandemic has upended the legal industry, forcing firms to cut salaries, lay off attorneys and make changes to summer associate programs. Here is a roundup of how law firms are responding.

Buchanan Ingersoll Furloughs Staff As Pandemic Continues

Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC is among the ranks of law firms making employee and pay changes during the COVID-19 pandemic, confirming Wednesday that it has furloughed some staff members.

6 More BigLaw Firms Alter Summer Associate Programs

Six firms, including Davis Wright Tremaine LLP and Covington & Burling LLP, confirmed Wednesday that they have changed their plans for summer associate programs in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Texas Firms Plan To Play It Safe Reopening After COVID-19

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott is touting the first phase of his plan to reopen the state after a monthlong shutdown during the coronavirus pandemic, but law firms in the Lone Star State say they're not in any rush to get their employees back into the office.

CLOSINGS AND RESTRICTIONS

Coronavirus: The Latest Court Closures And Restrictions

UPDATED April 30, 2020, 2:05 PM EDT | As courts across the country take measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, some are restricting access and altering their procedures. Here is a roundup of changes.

Coronavirus: The Latest EU Court Closures And Restrictions

UPDATED April 30, 2020, 11:54 AM GMT | As courts across the region take measures to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, some are restricting access and altering their procedures. Here is a roundup of changes.

California Extends Criminal Trial Deadlines Another 30 Days

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In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Golden State's top judge on Wednesday added an additional 30 days to the deadlines for superior courts to hold criminal trials, bringing the total extension to 90 days.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR ATTORNEYS

COVID-19 Crisis Clouds Future For Electricity Sector

The COVID-19 pandemic has the power sector facing ratepayer and contractual headaches due to declining U.S. electricity demand, as well as increased cybersecurity risks with more key utility employees working remotely. Here, Law360 examines three issues the power sector may confront during the pandemic.

5 Types Of Suits Employers Are Bracing For Post-Pandemic

Employment attorneys are forecasting a wave of novel litigation once the dust settles from the COVID-19 pandemic, including suits alleging employers shorted newly remote workers on pay or refused to provide time off guaranteed by the coronavirus leave law. Here, Law360 looks at five kinds of lawsuits employers can expect to see more of as the world tries to get back to normal.

New DOL Benefit Plan Guidance Embraces E-Disclosure

The U.S. Department of Labor's new guidance on employee benefit plans and the novel coronavirus pandemic hints that the agency is accelerating its embrace of electronic disclosures for retirement savers, attorneys say.

Congress Presses FDA To Curb COVID-19 Testing Fraud

A congressional subcommittee is demanding that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration help curb what it says is a "flood" of fraudulent coronavirus tests and has singled out four companies regarding the reliability of their tests.

FTC Commissioner Says Virus Is Cutting M&A Review Burden

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has placed tremendous strain on antitrust enforcers, a decline in corporate transactions has spared agencies by diminishing the number of deals to review, a member of the Federal Trade Commission said in comments made public on Wednesday.

Watchdog Threatens Legal Action Over COVID-19 Refunds

The Competition and Markets Authority said Thursday it is prepared to take companies to court if they refuse to give customers refunds after events and holidays are canceled because of the coronavirus outbreak.

Climate Groups Push Insurers For Green COVID-19 Recovery

Activist groups have urged insurers to use the economic recovery from COVID-19 as an opportunity to choose investment strategies that help fight climate change, warning that the insurance industry risks repeating old mistakes if it fails to do so.

1st Challenge To COVID-19-Related Green Card Ban Rejected

An Oregon federal judge on Wednesday rejected a certified class of green card beneficiaries' bid to enjoin aspects of President Donald Trump's green card ban, finding no connection between Trump's October immigration order that spurred the class action and his recent COVID-19-related ban.

Don't Trust Shkreli To Cure COVID-19, Feds Say

Former pharmaceutical executive Martin Shkreli's history of charging exorbitant prices for life-saving medication for personal gain came back to haunt him as federal prosecutors pounced on his bid to be released to home confinement in order to purportedly find a cure for COVID-19.

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Marshall Dennehey
Mayer Brown
McDermott Will
Mintz Levin
Morgan Lewis
Munger Tolles
Munsch Hardt
Nelson Mullins
Nixon Peabody
Norton Rose
O'Melveny & Myers
Ogletree Deakins
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Coping With A Pandemic: Edelson's Jay Edelson

With distancing and isolation the new norm amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Law360 is sharing reactions from around the business and legal community. Today's perspective comes from Chicago-based Jay Edelson, founder and CEO of plaintiffs boutique Edelson.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

State Laws Cannot Retroactively Rewrite Insurance Contracts

State efforts to retroactively mandate business interruption insurance coverage for pandemic-related losses are unfair to insurers and violate the U.S. Constitution's contracts, takings and due processes clauses, say Kathleen Sullivan and Derek Shaffer of Quinn Emanuel.

Applying PPP Loan Affiliation Rules To PE Portfolio Cos.

Portfolio companies' eligibility for Paycheck Protection Program loans is complicated by their status as affiliates of their private equity sponsors, and uncertainty over how liberal and consistent lenders will be in interpreting the Small Business Administration's affiliation rules, say attorneys at Fried Frank.

6 Antitrust Considerations For Companies During Pandemic

While antitrust laws have not changed in response to the COVID-19 crisis, the risk of crossing the antitrust line has increased substantially, say Jay Levine and Allen Carter at Porter Wright.

Quarles & Brady
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