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### 2nd Circ. Skeptical Of Avangrid Worker's Age Bias Claims

*By Aaron Keller*

A Second Circuit panel Thursday seemed skeptical of an Avangrid Management Co. employee's attempt to resurrect an age discrimination lawsuit, appearing to accept the company's assertion that it passed the Connecticut worker over for a lead financial reporting analyst position because another candidate was better qualified.

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### Convicted Atty's Federal Bar Future Hinges On State Review

*By Brian Steele*

A Connecticut federal judge said Thursday that he is "impressed" with the "growth" that a suspended attorney has shown in the months since his reinstatement hearing began, but he would not rule on readmitting him to the bar until a state-level committee makes its own recommendation.

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### Conn. Deal Lets Mashantucket Tribe Join Cannabis Market

*By Aaron Keller*

Connecticut and the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation have signed a cannabis compact allowing transactions between tribal enterprises and state-licensed entities, the first deal of its kind since Connecticut legalized recreational marijuana in June 2021 and the tribe penned its own cannabis regulations that same year.

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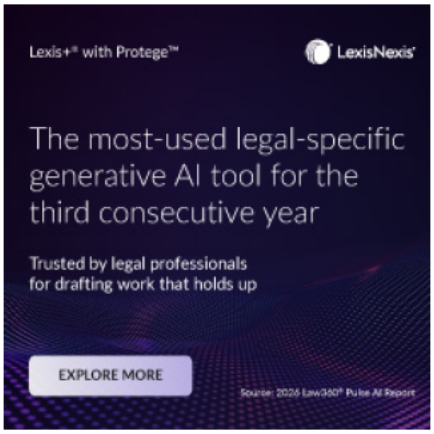

### 'Mortified' Atty Takes Blame For Fake Quotes In Taco TM Fight

*By Ivan Moreno*

A Connecticut attorney facing possible sanctions over fake case quotations in a taco restaurant trademark fight told a federal judge that he takes "full and unqualified responsibility" for the flawed filings, saying he is "mortified" and acknowledging that his verification process for AI-assisted legal work fell far short.

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### Trump Lawyer Advances In Senate Judiciary Noms Vote

*By Courtney Bublé*

The nomination of Matthew Schwartz to be a judge on the Second Circuit advanced out of committee Thursday.

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## ENFORCEMENT

### Blackstone's LivCor Cuts $7M Rent-Fixing Deal With 9 States

*By Dorothy Atkins*

Blackstone subsidiary LivCor LLC has agreed to pay North Carolina, California and seven other states $7 million in penalties to resolve allegations against it in a sprawling antitrust lawsuit alleging major landlords used software company RealPage to fix rent prices, according to documents filed in North Carolina federal court Thursday.

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### Conn. COVID Fraudster Seeks Release From 8-Year Sentence

*By Elizabeth Daley*

A man who stole COVID-19 relief money from a Connecticut city asked a federal judge on Thursday to reduce his "unusually lengthy" eight-year prison sentence to time served, noting that he has been behind bars for more than three years while all others involved in the scam, including a former state representative, walk free.

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## LITIGATION

### Otter Tail To Pay $30M To Settle PVC Price-Fix Claims

*By Celeste Bott*

Otter Tail has agreed to pay $30 million to resolve certain claims in litigation alleging it and two subsidiaries conspired with other polyvinyl chloride pipe producers to fix prices, the company said in a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filing.

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### DirecTV, AGs Tell 9th Circ. Not To Curb Nexstar-Tegna Block

*By Bryan Koenig*

DirecTV and a coalition of state attorneys general urged the Ninth Circuit not to narrow a district court preliminary injunction blocking Nexstar's purchase of Tegna, arguing the only way to preserve competition while the case proceeds is a full block, not one restricted to 31 overlapping broadcast markets.

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### FTC, Amazon Must Answer Attorney-Client Privilege Questions

*By Emily Sawicki*

The Washington federal judge handling the Federal Trade Commission's antitrust case against Amazon asked both parties to provide more information about how he should consider attorney-client privilege when reviewing documents to resolve discovery disputes in the case.

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## SECOND CIRCUIT

### Bitcoin Thief Tells 2nd Circ. Resentence Violates Constitution

*By Stewart Bishop*

Counsel for a convicted Florida bitcoin fraudster who was sentenced to 12 years in prison for failing to pay over $20 million in restitution stemming from his role in a crypto heist on Thursday told the Second Circuit that the lower court's resentencing trampled on the constitutional rights of her client, who "never got due process at any stage."

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### Founding An Autism Academy Made Me A Better Lawyer

Starting a nonprofit autism school with no building, no funding model and no guarantee that families would trust us taught me the importance of mission, patience and purpose — lessons that sharpened my practice and showed how meaningful work outside the office can make lawyers better, says Phillip Russell at Ogletree Deakins.

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## LEGAL INDUSTRY

### Judiciary Cites AI Deepfakes In Opposing Courtroom Cameras

*By Courtney Bublé*

Two bipartisan bills to bring cameras into federal courtrooms advanced Thursday, but the policymaking body for the federal judiciary continues to oppose them and raised the issue of deepfakes in the age of artificial intelligence.

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### Calif. Moves On Proposal To Allow Legal Aid By Nonlawyers

*By Lynn LaRowe*

The California Supreme Court has directed the state bar to solicit public comments on a proposed community justice worker program that would allow

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Analysis

## Law Students Undeterred Under Trump's Immigration Climate

***By Britain Eakin***

In a climate where immigration lawyers are coming under the Trump administration's scrutiny to tamp down on asylum fraud, law students are being ignited to enter the workforce early and rectify the injustices they see.

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## Mich. Panel Sanctions Atty Over AI-Hallucinated Cases

***By Susan Smiley***

A medical malpractice suit in the Michigan Court of Appeals led to financial sanctions against an attorney who the court said during litigation repeatedly cited nonexistent cases that were generated by artificial intelligence.

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## Ford Says 'Lemon Law' Firm Faked Bills Using Overseas Staff

***By Linda Chiem***

Ford Motor Co. accused California personal injury firm Quill & Arrow LLP of defrauding it out of more than $25 million in high-priced legal bills for work actually handled by virtual assistants overseas and non-lawyers in scores of product liability cases against the automaker.

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## NY High Court Upholds Mandatory Judge Retirement Age

***By Dorothy Atkins***

New York's highest court Thursday affirmed a ruling that rejected jurists' challenges to the Empire State's mandatory retirement age of 70 for state judges and justices, finding that the centuries-old constitutional mandate doesn't conflict with a recent state civil rights amendment banning age discrimination.

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## Tort Report: Meta Set To Face Facebook Sex Trafficking Trial

***By Y. Peter Kang***

An upcoming trial in Texas for a first-of-its-kind case against Meta and claims against a health clinic owned by a U.S. senator lead Law360's Tort Report, which compiles recent personal injury and medical malpractice news that may have flown under the radar.

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## GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week

***By Sue Reisinger***

General counsel may cringe at the news, but their chief financial officers will rejoice over a new study that shows the average spending by legal departments dropped to a six-year low in 2026. And two in-house Cigna lawyers are at the center of a finding of "improperly asserted privilege" over key company documents related to a payment lawsuit brought by three labs.

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