OPINION: Justice's Bribery Racket

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The Justice Department's creative prosecutions under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) continue to disintegrate, with the latest acquittal of two businessmen giving the Department a legal black eye. At a hearing last week, Justice asked federal Judge Richard Leon for a delay while it considers if the case is still viable.

Tags: Foreign Corrupt Practices Act

Ex-Naval Ship Workers Sue Over Asbestos Claims

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Several people seeking compensation for diseases and death due to asbestos exposure on U.S. naval ships say those responsible for issuing payment are unfairly discriminating against them because they aren't U.S. citizens.

Tags: Asbestos

BP's Oil Slick Set To Spill Into Courtroom

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A federal court in New Orleans is preparing for one of the largest and most complex environmental lawsuits ever to come to court. It stems from the worst oil disaster in U.S. history: the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon nearly two years ago and the resulting oil gusher in the Gulf of Mexico.

Tags: Environmental Litigation, Trial Lawyers' Influence

Five states weigh joining Honda gas-mileage class action

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A judge has granted more time to attorneys general in five states to consider whether they want to object to a class-action settlement between Honda and car owners over inflated fuel-efficiency claims about the automaker's hybrid vehicles.

Tags: Class Action

Citigroup to pay \$158.3M in mortgage settlement

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Citigroup Inc has agreed to pay \$158.3 million to settle U.S. civil claims that it defrauded the government over some home loans from its CitiMortgage unit.

Tags: Financial Services, Securities Litigation

Doctors lashing out at lawsuits

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A large group of Warren area physicians donned their white lab coats Wednesday while lashing out at excessive malpractice insurance premiums they say are caused by a larger-than-normal number of malpractice claims.

Tags: Medical Liability, Ohio

Ohio Supreme Court upholds tort reform provision

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The Supreme Court of Ohio has chosen to uphold a state law requiring courts to split, or bifurcate, civil cases into two separate proceedings for compensatory and punitive damages.

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