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## The Afternoon Docket

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*What's going on today?*

- StubHub sued by D.C. attorney general [over ticket fees](#).
- Trump AG faulted for ["chaotic" response to George Floyd protests](#).

Students fighting California law school closure [face court setback](#), and more in this week's Career Tracker.

[Senators grill U.S. appeals court nominee over 'activist' legal work](#)

A Biden administration nominee to the 4th Circuit faced criticism at his confirmation hearing on Wednesday over his work for a Democratic attorney general, and a Republican member warned that he had lined up support to block his nomination. Ryan Park, the top appellate lawyer for Democratic North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein since 2020, was [nominated](#) this month to serve on the Richmond-based 4th Circuit. Park would be the first Asian American to serve on the court if confirmed to the lifetime post. [Read more about the hearing](#).

More top news:

- [StubHub sued by D.C. attorney general over ticket fees](#)
- [Trump attorney general faulted for 'chaotic' response to George Floyd protests](#)
- [U.S. appeals court lets Texas keep river barrier against border crossings](#)
- [UBS sues Bank of America for \\$200 mln over crisis-era mortgage costs](#)
- [CarShield is fined by FTC for deceptive ads, including by celebrities](#)

[Intel wins UK leg of global patent battle with R2 over chips](#)

Career Tracker ...

[Students fighting California law school closure face court setback](#)

California's Golden Gate University School of Law will not be forced to reopen this fall—at least not yet, [Karen Sloan](#) reports. A state judge in San Francisco on Tuesday [dismissed](#) a lawsuit brought by Golden Gate students and alumni seeking to stop its impending closure and [denied](#) their request for an injunction that would keep the school open for the fast approaching fall semester. [Read more](#).

From the legal industry:

New law school graduates [crushed the entry-level job market](#) in 2023 ... Two law firms could [earn more than \\$515 million in fees](#) from a \$2.7 billion NCAA accord ... President Joe Biden [proposed sweeping changes](#) to the U.S. Supreme Court, but Speaker Mike Johnson said Biden's proposal [would not be considered by the House](#) ... In its first formal guidance, the ABA said lawyers [must guard against ethical lapses](#) if they use AI in their work ... The National Conference of Bar Examiners is [offering law grads \\$1,500](#) to test-drive its NextGen Bar exam ... Lewis Brisbois [settled a racial discrimination lawsuit](#) brought by an ex-partner ... New York City Mayor Eric Adams [tapped](#) litigator Randy Mastro to lead the city's law

department ... Rudy Giuliani remains in [bankruptcy limbo](#) over unpaid fees ... Former Weil, Gotshal & Manges partner Alfredo Perez [filled the vacancy in Houston bankruptcy court](#) after former judge David Jones' controversial exit ... A Federal Circuit panel said the court [should maintain its 2023 suspension](#) of 97-year-old Judge Pauline Newman ... A Virginia judge ordered lawyers in a case to explain [why they should not be sanctioned](#) for submitting "fictitious" case citations ... Quinn Emanuel [continued its fight](#) to keep a \$185 million fee award in an Obamacare case ... A web designer, who won a free speech SCOTUS ruling in an LGBTQ+ case, asked for [\\$2 million in legal fees](#) ... The Southern District of Texas bankruptcy court [reconstituted its two-judge panel](#) for handling large cases ... And finally, former McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter CEO John Dunlea was [sentenced to 5 years in prison](#) in an embezzlement case.

#### Moves:

##### *In New York ...*

Proskauer [added](#) real estate partner Kieran Murphy from Milbank ... Reed Smith [hired](#) partner Jeffrey Stern from Winston & Strawn, where he was co-head of the structured finance practice ... Maxwell Breed [joined](#) Pryor Cashman as partner in its real estate litigation practice from Warshaw Burstein ... Tarter Krinsky [brought on](#) family law partner Brittany Mangan from Berkman Bottger.

##### *In Chicago ...*

Venable [hired](#) Sean Franzblau as a partner in its investigations and white collar defense practice. Franzblau was most recently a supervisory attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois.

##### *In Seattle ...*

Perkins Coie [hired](#) litigation partner Mike Paisner, who was most recently the vice president for international disputes, insured matters, and bid protests at the Boeing Company.

##### *In Texas ...*

O'Melveny [brought on](#) litigation partner Denise Scofield in Houston from Winston & Strawn, where she headed the litigation practice ... Mark Auten [joined](#) Clark Hill as a partner in its tax and estate planning practice in Collin County from Plunk Smith ... Cozen O'Connor [hired](#) IP litigator Bradley Liddle in Dallas from Carter Arnett ... Holland & Knight [added](#) financial services partner Taylor Speers in Dallas. He joins from Winston & Strawn.

##### *In Denver ...*

BCLP [added](#) energy partner James English from Clark Hill.

##### *In Delaware ...*

**Higher education and litigation partner Jennifer Becnel-Guzzo [returned](#) to Saul Ewing after 11 years as an associate vice president and deputy general counsel at the University of Delaware.**

##### *In London ...*

Paul, Weiss [hired](#) Akin Gump partner Liz Osborne as the head of its European restructuring practice.

*In Paris ...*

Bracewell [added](#) an 11-lawyer energy and infrastructure team from Norton Rose Fulbright, including partners Anne Lapierre, Arnaud Bélisaire and Simon Cudennec.

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[Sandal-tainted FirstEnergy demands appeal of 'shockwave' privilege ruling](#)

The fallout from the bribery scandal involving Ohio utility FirstEnergy is headed back to the 6th Circuit, as the company aggressively challenges a shareholder class action derived from the scheme, which has cost the company millions and led to two indictments. FirstEnergy's latest maneuver is a petition to the appellate court that contends the judge overseeing the investor class action has thrown the entire future of corporate internal investigations into doubt by ordering FirstEnergy to turn over a trove of documents to plaintiffs' lawyers. And, as [Alison Frankel](#) writes in her latest column, FirstEnergy is [arguing that every company in the circuit ought to be worried about the judge's decisions](#).

Check out other recent pieces from our columnists: [Alison Frankel](#) and [Jenna Greene](#)

[In other news...](#)

Kamala Harris to hold Philadelphia rally with [vice president pick next Tuesday](#) ... Trump sitdown at Black journalists' convention [sparks backlash](#) ... Killing of  [Hamas chief](#) in Iran stirs fears of retaliation, Israel [stays silent](#) on incident ... Khaled Meshaal, who survived an Israeli assassination attempt, tipped to be the [new Hamas leader](#) ... Russia vs Ukraine: the biggest war of the [fake news era](#) ... Putin [doubles signing bonuses](#) for volunteers to fight in Ukraine ... Hopes of finding survivors fade in India's Kerala after [landslides kill 167](#) ... Here's our [latest Olympics coverage](#) including [live coverage of today's events](#) ... And our [best photos of day 5 of the Olympics](#).

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