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Law360 Pulse's Spotlight On Mid-Law Work

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Law360 (November 5, 2021, 4:15 PM EDT) -- Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP's latest suit on behalf of Smartmatic and antitrust cases against Facebook helmed by Hausfeld LLP lead this edition of Law360 Pulse's Spotlight On Mid-Law Work, recapping the top matters for Mid-Law firms from Oct. 25 to Nov. 5.

Ongoing Pursuit Of Alleged Election Conspiracy Theorists

Voting software company Smartmatic once again tapped Benesch to handle **defamation lawsuits** against conservative media outlets, this time pursuing One America News Network and Newsmax Media Inc. The suits, which were filed on Nov. 3 in Washington, D.C., federal court and Delaware federal court, respectively, accuse both outlets of defaming Smartmatic by peddling conspiracy theories about rigged voting machines during the 2020 presidential election.

Benesch is also **representing Smartmatic** in a \$2.7 billion defamation suit against Fox News, several of its on-air personalities, and attorneys Rudy Giuliani and Sidney Powell. The suits against OAN and Newsmax have not named a dollar value.

Another Antitrust Case Targeting Facebook

International firm Hausfeld is spearheading the latest antitrust suit against Facebook. The suit, **filed in New York federal court** on Nov. 4, alleges that Facebook used anti-competitive practices to crush now-defunct photo app Phhphoto Inc.

The case is the latest antitrust suit facing the social media giant, and the latest in a series of cases Hausfeld is pursuing against major tech companies. The 140-attorney firm also is part of an **antitrust suit** against Google, **represents Washington, D.C.**, in an antitrust case against Amazon, and is handling a **UK privacy case** against Facebook.

Funding Round For Life Sciences Startup

Foley Hoag LLP represented two life sciences-focused investors in \$52 million worth of Series B financing of digital therapeutics company Click Therapeutics Inc. According to an Oct. 25 announcement by the firm, BioHealth Partners and Accelmed Partners were co-leads of the financing round, which also involved several other entities. Click Therapeutics aims to provide mobile software applications that can be used to treat illnesses such as insomnia, depression and migraines.

Pushing Apollo To Open The Books

A group of small and mid-size firms, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, Friedlander & Gorris PA and Shobe & Shobe LLP are handling a stockholder's suit against Apollo Global Management Inc. in Delaware Chancery Court. In a **complaint filed Oct. 25**, stockholder Anguilla Social Security Board sought to inspect the private equity company's books for alleged wrongdoing in relation to a \$640 million tax payout to company insiders.

Amazon Warehouse In Washington

Attorneys at Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt PC facilitated a land lease and easement to allow the establishment of an Amazon sorting center and warehouse in Fife, Washington. The deal included a land lease between Puyallup Tribe, Panattoni Development and Amazon, as well as an easement to

allow the construction of the planned 520,000-foot center. According to an Oct. 27 announcement by the firm, attorneys in its Native American and Alaska Native practice and its real estate and construction practices worked on the matter.

Assist For NY Soccer Team's HQ

A seven-attorney team at Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP is representing Major League Soccer team the New York Red Bulls in the **development of a corporate headquarters** and training center in Morris Township, New Jersey, according to an Oct. 27 announcement from the firm.

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