



# The Afternoon Docket

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## What's going on today?

- **Southwest Airlines** is [likely to pay 1 cent](#) to end a DEI-related lawsuit by a conservative group.
- The **U.S. Supreme Court** [grapples](#) with Trump's attempt to restrict birthright citizenship.
- **FTC Chairman Andrew Ferguson** [seeks to trim the agency](#) by around 10%.
- [Settlements mount](#) against **Jackson Walker**, the law firm caught up in a bankruptcy judge's secret romance.

Plus, your weekly Career Tracker. Thanks for reading!

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## Career Tracker ...

*In New York:* A&O Shearman [picked up](#) restructuring partner **Ned Schodek** from Schulte ... Morgan Lewis [added](#) **Tony Zacharski** to its global investment management team from Dechert ... **Foley & Lardner** [hired](#) litigation partners **Kenneth Breen** and **Phara Guberman** from Cadwalader ... **Mayer Brown** [added](#) fund formation partner **David Kreisler** from DLA Piper ... **Kirkland** [hired](#) liquidity solutions partners **Andrew Gershon** from Debevoise and **Semhar Woldai** from Weil ... **Breon Peace**, who was Brooklyn's U.S. attorney, [rejoined](#) **Cleary Gottlieb** as a partner ... **Pierson**

**Ferdinand** [brought on](#) commercial litigation partner **Michael Delaney** from **McElroy Deutsch ... Milbank** [brought on](#) corporate finance and securities partner **Adam Brenneman** from **Cleary Gottlieb ...** Real estate partner **Alana Sliwinski** [joined](#) **Dentons** from **Troutman Pepper Locke**.

***In D.C.:*** Former **FERC** chairman **Willie Phillips** and **Ronan Gulstone**, former chief of staff and senior legal advisor with **FERC**, [joined](#) **Holland & Knight** as partners ... **Patrick Childress**, former assistant general counsel in the **Office of the United States Trade Representative**, also [joined](#) **Holland & Knight** ... **Milbank** [added](#) tax renewables partner **John Green** from **King & Spalding** ... **K&L Gates** [hired](#) public policy partners **Marne Marotta** and **David Skillman** from **Arnold & Porter** ... **Venable** [brought back](#) IP litigation partner **Meaghan Kent** from **Morgan Lewis** ... Maryland's former U.S. attorney **Erek Barron** [joined](#) **Mintz** as chair of its crisis management and strategic response practice ... **Hogan Lovells** [added](#) partner **Jerrob Duffy** to its investigations, white collar, and fraud practice from **Squire Patton Boggs** ... **King & Spalding** [hired](#) partner **Patrick Murphy** for its special matters and government investigations practice from **Fresenius Medical Care** ... **Jenner & Block** [picked up](#) **Matt Pearl**, former director for emerging technologies and special advisor at the **White House National Security Council** ... **Robert Silvers**, former under secretary for policy at the **Department of Homeland Security**, [joined](#) **Ropes & Gray** as co-chair of its national security practice in D.C. and Silicon Valley.

***In Chicago:*** **Foley & Lardner** [added](#) digital infrastructure partners **Daniel Farris** and **Joe McClendon** from **Norton Rose Fulbright** ... **Seyfarth Shaw** [hired](#) employee benefits partner **Lisa Loesel** from **McDermott** ... **Sheppard Mullin** [added](#) healthcare partner **Linas Grikis** from **Polsinelli**.

***In San Francisco:*** **Withers** [hired](#) tech litigation partner **Jessica Nall** as partner and leader of its executive crisis management and defense practice from **Baker McKenzie** ... **Frost Brown Todd** [picked up](#) commercial litigation partner **Simon Levy** from **Keesal, Young & Logan**.

***Across other cities:*** **Fennemore** will [combine](#) with Phoenix-based employment law and litigation firm **BurnsBarton** ... **Jackson Walker** [hired](#) **Nathan Hecht**, former chief justice of the **Texas Supreme Court**, as a partner in Austin ... In London, **Akin** hired tech and IP partner [Natasha Ahmed](#) from **Orrick** and international arbitration partner

[Jonathan Brierley](#) from **White & Case** ... **Foley & Lardner** [added](#) commercial litigation partner **Joseph Dowdy** in Raleigh, North Carolina, from **Kilpatrick Townsend** ... **Morgan Lewis** [added](#) investment finance partner **Christopher Lawrence** in Hartford and New York from **Akin** ... **Clifford Chance** [hired](#) project development and financing partner **Victoria Salem** in Houston from **Cheniere Energy** ... **Barnes & Thornburg** brought on sports, media and entertainment partner [Timothy Browne](#) in Nashville from **Polsinelli** and commercial litigation partner [Elizabeth Fenton](#) in Wilmington from **Ballard Spahr** ... **Adam Bloom** [joined](#) Cooley's M&A practice as a partner in Palo Alto from **Wilson Sonsini** ... **King & Spalding** [hired](#) former **U.S. House** candidate **Will Rollins** as a business litigation partner in Los Angeles ... **Simpson Thacher** [added](#) restructuring and special situations partner **Daniel Margulies** in Hong Kong from **Dechert**.

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