

Miss Ashley's Stories In the News

Week of 7/1

Notes

1. Remember to give heartfelt support to sexual assault survivors at the beginning of the Cosby segment and talk about believing victims of such crimes.

2. Cosby

Here is the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision vacating Bill Cosby's convictions.

Majority: <https://pacourts.us/assets/opinions/Supreme/out/J-100-2020mo%20-%2020104821740139246918.pdf?cb=1>

Concurrence/partial dissent: <https://pacourts.us/assets/opinions/Supreme/out/J-100-2020cdo%20-%2020104821740139246932.pdf?cb=1>

Dissent: <https://pacourts.us/assets/opinions/Supreme/out/J-100-2020do%20-%2020104821740139246963.pdf?cb=1>

Here's the lawyer who got Bill Cosby's conviction tossed

<https://www.reuters.com/legal/litigation/heres-lawyer-who-got-bill-cosbys-conviction-tossed-2021-06-30/>

3. Good news story

A win for Gavin Grimm, the transgender student who challenged his school board's bathroom policies — SCOTUS declined to take up Grimm's win in the lower court. Thomas and Alito would have heard the case. https://supremecourt.gov/orders/courtorders/062821zor_6j37.pdf

4. Judge Denies Britney Spears' Request to Remove Father From Conservatorship

<https://variety.com/2021/music/news/britney-spears-conservatorship-request-denied-remove-father-1235009486/>

5. Charles Booker is running against Rand Paul!

6. AG Garland announces Justice Dept. sues Georgia over new voting restrictions.

<https://t.co/b6dI4EkAY4?amp=1>

7. SCOTUS has ruled that two Arizona voting restrictions (tossing out-of-precinct ballots and banning third-party collection of ballots) don't violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which broadly prohibits racial discrimination https://supremecourt.gov/opinions/20pdf/19-1257_g204.pdf

Docs

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One of the last remaining lawsuits seeking to overturn the 2020 election ("Gondor II") seems to have run into a snag. The plaintiffs' lawyer says he used to have evidence to prove their case, but doesn't anymore because of a "saboteur in their own camp."

<https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.txwd.1123851/gov.uscourts.txwd.1123851.168.2.pdf>

Trump Judge Kyle Duncan rants about Dr. Seuss and Ibram X. Kendi while *citing a Christopher Rufo blog post* in a petulant anti-woke dissent. What an embarrassing hack this guy is.

<http://ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/20/20-20215-CV0.pdf>

Biden's new nominee to the 9th Circuit, Jennifer Sung, is a former union-side lawyer who spent five years as a union organizer. <https://whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/06/30/president-biden-names-fifth-round-of-judicial-nominees/>

Texas Supreme Court blocks tort suit by Sutherland Springs shooting victims against Academy Sports for selling gun used by Devin Patrick Kelley—holding that the federal Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act bars relief:

<https://txcourts.gov/media/1452440/190497.pdf>

The building inspector in Surfside has issued a statement.

<https://twitter.com/nycsouthpaw/status/1408949465885679620/photo/1>

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The Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces has (unanimously) upheld the government's power to court-martial retired service members for post-retirement offenses:

https://justsecurity.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Begani_20_0217_OPN.pdf

Trump Organization statement reacting to Allen Weisselberg who just surrendered to the Manhattan DA this morning — says in part he is being used as a “pawn in a scorched earth attempt to harm the former President. “

<https://twitter.com/Santucci/status/1410560504997855233/photo/1>

A federal judge has enjoined Florida's sweeping new social network regulations, finding they violate the First Amendment.

https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.flnd.371253/gov.uscourts.flnd.371253.113.0_1.pdf

A federal judge has postponed the sanctions hearing over the failed lawsuit to overturn Michigan's 2020 election until July 13, but doesn't sound especially thrilled with the argument from one of the "Kraken" lawyers that a vacation created an unavoidable conflict.

<https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.mied.350905/gov.uscourts.mied.350905.142.0.pdf>

New anti-CRT bill from Pennsylvania

<https://legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=PDF&sessYr=2021&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=1532&pn=1679>

ACLU of Tennessee has filed a 1A lawsuit over the state's new law requiring businesses to post a notice outside each "sex-designated public restroom" stating that the business "maintains a policy of allowing the use of restrooms by either biological sex." <https://aclu-tn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Bongo-Prods.-v.-Lawrence-Compl.-6.25.21.pdf>

Maricopa County announces it will not use any of the voting equipment that has been in the hands of Cyber Ninjas again. County was required under subpoenas to give most of the \$6 million in equipment it leases from Dominion to the Senate for the audit.

<https://twitter.com/JenAFifield/status/1409643127166541828/photo/1>

Arkansas wants a federal court to end another suit seeking to overturn the entire 2020 election, "the latest attempt in a line of unsubstantiated lawsuits looking to overturn the 2020 Presidential Election. In fact, this case is arguably the most unsupported yet."

https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.txwd.1123851/gov.uscourts.txwd.1123851.167.0_2.pdf

News

July 1st

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<https://variety.com/2021/music/news/britney-spears-conservatorship-request-denied-remove-father-1235009486/>

In a gratuitous act of cruelty, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has vetoed a bill passed by a unanimous vote in both houses of the legislature that would have allowed 27,000 juveniles to get their criminal records erased after completing a behavioral program.

<https://amp.miamiherald.com/news/politics-government/state-politics/article252467883.html>

New York prosecutors investigating the Trump Organization are scrutinizing cash bonuses as part of their focus on whether the company failed to pay taxes on benefits provided to some of its employees.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/30/politics/trump-organization-cash-bonuses/index.html>

Top Trump Organization executive surrenders ahead of expected charges on tax crimes.

https://apnews.com/article/trump-organization-allen-weisselberg-charges-ad7350d4f85f295eeb753658e786cd88?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=ap&utm_campaign=socialflow

June 30th

Robinhood to pay \$70 million for misleading customers and outages, the largest FINRA penalty ever

https://www.cnbc.com/2021/06/30/robinhood-to-pay-70-million-for-misleading-customers-and-outages-the-largest-finra-penalty-ever.html?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_medium=Social&utm_content=Main&utm_source=Twitter#Echobox=1625066194

Actor Allison Mack Sentenced To 3 Years In Prison For NXIVM Case

<https://www.npr.org/2021/06/30/1011728671/allison-mack-sentenced-nxivm>

Americans will be allowed to declare their self-identified gender on their U.S. passports without providing medical documents under a new State Department rule announced today, the final day of Pride Month.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/30/us/politics/gender-passports.html>

A Manhattan grand jury has filed indictments against President Trump's company and its longtime CFO, Allen Weisselberg. Weisselberg will turn himself in tomorrow. Trump Org will also be arraigned in court, represented by a lawyer.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-organization-weisselberg-indictment/2021/06/30/5196619c-d822-11eb-bb9e-70fda8c37057_story.html

In a major shift, the NCAA will allow college athletes to earn compensation for use of their name, image or likeness. The move comes as legislation is set to become law in several states allowing such compensation.

https://apnews.com/article/laws-sports-6fb10bea4176ac6a912138ce7f0a764e?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=AP

Settlement reached over voter registration lawsuit

<https://www.sj-r.com/story/news/courts/2021/06/30/groups-illinois-reach-settlement-voter-registration-lawsuit/7815315002/>

Robinhood asks judge to toss payment for order flow lawsuit

<https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/robinhood-asks-judge-toss-payment-order-flow-lawsuit-2021-06-30/>

Georgia secretary of state calls DOJ voting lawsuit a 'political stunt,' says state will 'prevail' in court

<https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/raffensperger-reacts-doj-election-lawsuit>

Fired Fox News host Ed Henry files defamation lawsuit against the network and its CEO

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/30/media/ed-henry-fox-news-lawsuit/index.html>

June 29th

Another lawsuit has been filed against condo association after the deadly collapse in Surfside

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/29/us/surfside-condo-collapse-lawsuit/index.html>

The Supreme Court Will Allow The Federal Eviction Moratorium To Stay In Place For Now
<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/zoetillman/federal-eviction-moratorium-intact-supreme-court>

Rudy Giuliani is the subject of a Justice Department inquiry into possible foreign lobbying for Turkish interests separate from a criminal probe of his activities in Ukraine, sources say
https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-06-29/giuliani-facing-inquiry-into-whether-he-lobbied-trump-for-turkey?utm_source=twitter&utm_content=politics&utm_campaign=socialflow-organic&cmpid%3D=socialflow-twitter-politics&utm_medium=social

June 28th

Documents show Ivanka Trump didn't testify accurately in the inauguration scandal case. She said she played no role in planning inaugural events. Records suggest otherwise.
<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2021/06/documents-show-ivanka-trump-didnt-testify-accurately-in-inauguration-scandal-case/>

The head of Arizona Republicans' "audit" of 2020 presidential ballots was revealed as the anonymous star of a new movie claiming the election was stolen, raising questions about how credible any upcoming report from the supposed audit could be
https://www.thedailybeast.com/arizona-audit-leader-starred-in-election-conspiracy-theory-movie?via=twitter_page

June 27th

A state judge has ruled: Indiana must continue paying pandemic unemployment benefits to roughly 230,000 Hoosiers until a lawsuit challenging the early termination of the compensation is decided.
<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/25/politics/indiana-pandemic-unemployment-benefits/index.html>

The Federal Election Commission has fined the (failed) Senate campaign of Jeff Sessions \$15,000 for failing to properly disclose a last-minute, \$150,000 loan from Sessions himself.
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/zacheverson/2021/06/25/fec-fines-jeff-sessions-campaign-15000-for-failing-to-disclose-last-minute-loan/?sh=1a26bc3d7fca>

June 26th

Trump appointees allowed terminated EPA staffers to keep receiving salaries, watchdog report says
https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/06/26/trump-appointees-allowed-terminated-epa-staffers-keep-receiving-salaries-watchdog-report-says/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social

Johnson & Johnson will pay New York \$230 million under a settlement that ensures it leaves the U.S. opioid business, the state attorney general said.
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/26/nyregion/johnson-johnson-opioid-lawsuit-new-york.html?smid=tw-nytimes&smtyp=cur>

Conservative operatives infiltrated progressive groups across the West to try to manipulate politics. The operatives aimed to gather dirt that could sabotage the reputations of people and organizations considered threats to a hard-right Trump agenda.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/25/us/politics/spies-conservatives-left-political-enemies.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage>

June 25th

Garland backs legislation to end subpoenas for reporters' records

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/06/25/garland-reporters-records-subpoenas-496291>

AG Garland announces Justice Dept. sues Georgia over new voting restrictions.

<https://t.co/b6dl4EkAY4?amp=1>

Florida Pastor Charged in U.S. Capitol Siege After One of His Own Followers Ratted Him Out

<https://lawandcrime.com/u-s-capitol-siege/florida-pastor-charged-in-u-s-capitol-siege-after-one-of-his-own-followers-ratted-him-out/>

Ohio Republicans Are Pressing A Bill That Could Criminalize People Like Those Who Watched George Floyd Die

<https://lawandcrime.com/police/ohio-republicans-are-pressing-a-bill-that-could-criminalize-people-like-those-who-watched-george-floyd-die/>

The guy who bought Rittenhouse a gun has been charged.

<https://www.wisn.com/article/man-faces-12-years-for-buying-gun-kyle-rittenhouse-used-in-kenosha-shootings/36534614#>

Arizona poised to enact new election restrictions, strip power from Democratic secretary of state Via

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/arizona-trump-election-voting/2021/06/25/82de055c-d5c5-11eb-a53a-3b5450fdca7a_story.html

Derek Chauvin sentenced to 22.5 years in killing of George Floyd, the case that forced a painful reckoning on race and policing

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/06/25/derek-chauvin-sentencing-george-floyd/>

June 24th

Lawyers for proponents of election-fraud claims invoke First Amendment

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/06/24/lawyers-proponents-election-fraud-claims-first-amendment-496162>

The City of San Francisco will require all of its roughly 35,000 employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 — and impose penalties that may include getting fired on workers who refuse.

https://www.axios.com/san-francisco-vaccination-mandate-city-workers-146de1f3-79e0-4306-bab9-7a0a1b08130b.html?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=onhrs