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Gibson Dunn Team Named Litigator of the Week Runner-Up

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A Gibson Dunn team has earned runner-up honors from Litigation Daily's Litigator of the Week for its significant victory for free speech and the free press on behalf of non-profit online newsroom Mississippi Today.

Our team secured the dismissal of a defamation lawsuit brought by former Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant, who alleged that Mississippi Today had defamed him through comments made by its personnel regarding the outlet's Pulitzer Prize-winning reporting about Bryant's alleged role in a welfare scandal. The Mississippi Circuit Court stated that Bryant had failed to plead any legally viable claims. (The case is Bryant, et al. v. Deep South Today d/b/a Mississippi Today, et al.)

Our winning team included partners Ted Boutrous, Lee Crain, and Katie Townsend and associates Chase Weidner, Justine Drohan, Iason Togias, and Peter Jacobs.

Related Capabilities

Litigation

First Amendment and Free Expression

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