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Your Monthly Wrap-up of **Mid-market Business Losses**

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Gymnasts Abused by Team Doctor Reach \$380 Million Settlement

Liability

Victims of former U.S. national gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar have reached a \$380 million settlement with USA Gymnastics, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, and their insurers. The settlement—one of the largest ever recorded for victims of sex abuse—comes after a five-year legal battle in which hundreds of women accused Nassar of sexual abuse throughout his career, which lasted more than two decades.

Payroll Services Company to Pay \$95,000 to Resolve Disability Discrimination Lawsuit

Employment Practices Liability

A Twin Cities payroll services company has reached a \$95,000 settlement following a lawsuit filed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) on behalf of a woman who said she was illegally fired because she needed crutches to get around the workplace after a knee surgery. Along with the payment to the plaintiff, the company must eliminate any policies or practices compelling employees to be fully healed before returning to work and must train managers and other employees on the provision of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Federal Jury Awards Woman \$6.9 Million Following Train Wreck

Liability

A Seattle, Washington, woman has been awarded nearly \$7 million in damages for both past and future economic loss resulting from injuries she suffered as a passenger on the Amtrak Cascades 501 train that derailed at high speed near DuPont in Pierce County in December 2017. The wreck occurred after the train entered a low-speed turn—intended to be taken at 30 mph—at 80 mph. This outcome is at least the third jury verdict to hold Amtrak liable for compensatory damages due to the derailment.

Parkland Massacre Victims' Families to Receive \$25 Million

Liability

Each of the families of the 17 deceased victims of the 2018 Parkland, Florida, high school shooting will receive more than \$1 million in compensation from the Broward School District. The lawsuit stems from allegations suggesting the FBI ignored a tip that the shooter was planning a school shooting. The agreement states school authorities will pay more than \$25 million in compensation to the families of the deceased and the 34 who were injured and affected in the event.