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## Discharged In The Dark: Immigrant GIs Fight For Due Process

More than 530 immigrant soldiers enlisted in the military through a program that promised to naturalize them as citizens, only to be discharged without warning due to purported security concerns. Now they're fighting for due process in the country they pledged to serve and facing potential persecution in the countries they left behind.

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## Justices' Answer On Excessive Fines Invites New Questions

After the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that state and local governments must abide by the constitutional ban on excessive fines, advocates say the fight against civil asset forfeiture is far from over.

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## For Prisoners, Privacy Of Attorney Emails An Open Question

Communications with your attorney are usually private, but there's a glaring exception for people in prison. Federal prosecutors can access all emails sent over a system set up by the Bureau of Prisons, and it's unclear how often they might be looking at emails between attorneys and their clients.

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## Freedom At A Cost: Fighting Court Fees On The Acquitted

In 2017, after two trials and years of legal fees that wiped out his life savings, Curtis Lovelace was acquitted of the murder of his wife, but the court ruled he still had to pay \$35,000 as a "bond forfeiture fee," something Lovelace is now arguing is unconstitutional.

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## Texas Rebuffed On Mental Fitness Review For Death Row

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A Texas court relied on outdated and stereotypical rationales to determine that a death row inmate who struggled as a teenager to grasp basic math was not intellectually disabled and should be executed, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled, reinforcing that established clinical guidelines must underpin such decisions.

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### Fla. Bar Foundation Gets \$3.6M From Sanctions For Legal Aid

The Florida Bar Foundation said it has received \$3.6 million of the \$4.3 million in sanctions from two law firms involved in tobacco litigation and plans to disburse it to qualified legal aid organizations in the Middle District of Florida.

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### Perspectives

#### Rumors Of Civil Forfeiture's Death Are Greatly Exaggerated

While the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Timbs v. Indiana* ought to be celebrated by the civil forfeiture bar, it should not be viewed as a sea change — for three reasons, says Alexander Klein of Barket Epstein Kearon Aldea & LoTurco LLP.

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