

Beyond Compliance: Leveraging Tech and Data to Build Safer, More Affordable Child-Safe Environments



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Flying Blind



Artificial Intelligence Today

A close-up photograph of water ripples, showing intricate patterns of light and shadow. The water is clear, and the ripples create a complex, textured surface. The colors range from deep blues to bright yellows and oranges, reflecting the light. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the foreground ripples.

What AI Needs

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COVERAGE | INDUSTRY | PLACE | COURT

DASHBOARD

TOTAL	MEAN			MEDIAN			TOTAL	MEAN			MEDIAN			
To Date	90D	180D	1Y	2Y	3Y		To Date	2026	2025	2024	2023			
			%	Fq	Sv							%	Fq	Sv
\$93,035,774,032 (6991)			100				\$93,035,774,032 (6991)					100		
SETTLEMENT							SETTLEMENT							
\$60,342,018,773 (4716)			65				\$60,342,018,773 (4716)					65		
VERDICT							VERDICT							
\$20,230,978,744 (1176)			22				\$20,230,978,744 (1176)					22		
LOSS							LOSS							
\$11,470,558,812 (689)			12				\$11,470,558,812 (689)					12		
FINE							FINE							
\$992,217,702 (103)			1				\$992,217,702 (103)					1		
DISMISSED							DISMISSED							
\$0 (259)			0				\$0 (259)					0		
NO AWARD							NO AWARD							
\$0 (54)			0				\$0 (54)					0		

Class Actions | Graph

RECENT | TRENDING | POPULAR

Eyemed Vision Care, LLC, Settles Class Action Lawsuit Regarding A 2020 Data Breach For \$5M (2025) CYBER

2025-07-29 | CLASSACTION.ORG

Former Home Depot Employee Sentenced For Embezzling More Than \$4M Worth Of Gift Cards (2026) CRIME

2021-07 | PACER MONITOR

Ohio Jury Renders \$5.4M Verdict To Estate Of Elsa Thompson In Lawsuit Against American Electric Power, A Utility Company, Alleging Death By A Downed Power Line That Caused House Fire (2022) GL

RISK TRENDS

SETTLEMENT ALERT

Planned Parenthood Of Illinois Settles EEOC Charges Of DEI-Related Race Discrimination For \$500K (2026) EPLJ

2026-03-23

SETTLEMENT ALERT

Fresno Unified School District, CA, Settles Lawsuit By Three School Nurses Alleging Age Discrimination And Retaliation For \$1.76M (2026) EPLJ

2026-03-23

VERDICT ALERT

Jury Renders \$5.7M Verdict To Former Police Commander In Lawsuit Against The City Of Los Angeles, CA, Alleging Gender Discrimination, Retaliation, And Wrongful Termination Following Off-Duty Incident (2026) EPLJ

2026-03-23

SETTLEMENT ALERT

Fresno Police Officers Association, CA, Settles Lawsuit By Former Business Manager Alleging Sexual Harassment And Retaliation Against Union President




Data Drives Prevention

11,700 Data Sets

- Dates
- Location
- Amount
- Industry
- Parties
- Attorneys
- Jurisdiction
- Judges
- Fees
- Insurance
- Laws
- Sources





RiskTrends™ transforms the rawest public loss information into a reliable and trusted data source

95% Accuracy Rate = Data Authority

- Strict Data Governance Standards
 - Candidates
 - Attorney searched
 - Filtered
 - Reviewed
 - Redundancy
 - Source quality
 - Source verification
 - Approved Candidates = Entries
 - Deep Mine
 - Update
 - Appeals
 - Reversals
 - Attorney fees
 - Analysis
 - Risk
 - Loss Prevention
 - Attorney approved
 - Community reviewed



Data Different

- Aggregate
 - Total, Mean, Median
 - By year and days
- Disaggregate
 - Every entry and source available for review
 - Select entries analyzed
- Granular categorization (11,700 data sets)
- Segregated by coverage
- Sequenced entries
- User Interface
 - Search/Filter
- Automated queries using third party baselines
- Open Sourced
- **AI Ready**



- **Sexual Molestation/Abuse**
 - Class Actions
 - Mean = \$116.7M
 - Median = \$10M
 - Non-Class Actions
 - Mean = \$77.4M
 - Median = \$9.9M

Liability Shift Vulnerable Populations

- From “Duty” To “No Mistakes”
 - Old Standard
 - A duty to protect children-unforeseeable mistakes tolerated
 - Punitive damages rare
 - Compliance = affirmative defense
 - New Standard
 - “Affirmative duty” to protect children-unforeseeable mistakes not tolerated
 - Closer to “per se” liability than negligence
 - Punitive damages common
 - Compliance is the **minimum standard**



The Charter and Compliance - Vulnerable Populations

- Establish comprehensive safe environment standards
- Creation of a safe environment for children and young people by requiring ongoing efforts to prevent harm from any source, consistent with the Church's stated commitment to "do all in our power to protect children and young people"
- Dioceses must maintain accurate records regarding safe environment training, background evaluations, and other safeguarding measures for all adults who interact with minors:

- **Employees**
- **Volunteers**
- **Parents**
- **Contractors**





Catastrophic Verdict Trends-Vulnerable Populations

Early Indicator Of The Shift

\$ 7.3B jury verdict (Dallas TX, Charter Communications 2022)

- **Lowered to \$1.1B/Final settlement amount = \$262M**
- Employee murdered an 83-year-old customer on his day off
- Aggravating Factors
 - Employer discontinued employee screening program that could have revealed:
 - History of forgery, falsifying documents, and harassment/instability
 - Leading up to the murder, employee made statements regarding severe personal and financial issues. Employee broke down crying and told supervisor he was “not OK”.

More Indications Of A Shift

- \$135M: Moreno Valley School District (Riverside County, CA/Jury Verdict/2023)
 - Sexual abuse/90 percent employer's fault although teacher in jail
- \$4B: McLarens Children's Center (Los Angeles County, CA/Settlement/2025)
 - Credentialing
- \$72.5M Bank of America (New York/Settlement, 2026)
 - Profiting from sex trafficking
- \$52M Rockton School District (Winnebago, IL/Settlement, 2026)
 - Bus safety

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