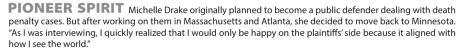
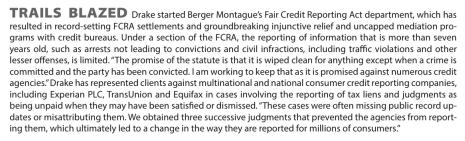
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**FUTURE EXPLORATIONS** Drake sees a rise in fair credit reporting litigation due to business incentives favoring cost-effective reporting over accuracy. "Big data is big business, and the three big credit reporting agencies will continue to make mistakes. And more companies are selling data, so the Fair Credit Reporting Act is becoming more important to change the incentives and make sure consumers are treated fairly."



## **ROGGE DUNN**

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**PIONEER SPIRIT** Rogge Dunn began his career as a defense attorney and has taught business classes for more than 20 years. He decided to move to the plaintiffs' side after taking on an employee race discrimination case involving four of his former students' wives. "I always thought that being a lawyer was about helping people, but many big firms are often more about money. I want to help people's lives."

**TRAILS BLAZED** Dunn represented financial advisor Chris Barra against Goldman Sachs, alleging discrimination against active military personnel in one of the largest FINRA awards against the multinational investment bank. "The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act says that if you get called up for active duty and are gone for a year, you can come back to your job. And if the job was promoted up, you have to give them that job. Chris was fired for taking a leave for reserve duty." Dunn secured Barra, a West Point graduate and lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, a \$7.8 million settlement. "Chris didn't even care about the money. He just wanted to help servicemen and women not suffer discrimination." Dunn also served as the lead attorney representing subrogating carriers in a New Orleans Fair Grounds racetrack fire, resulting in a \$58 million verdict. "At the time, it was cutting edge in terms of fire suppression and safety design."

**FUTURE EXPLORATIONS** Dunn sees continued corporate abuse cases on both the product side and employment side and increasing LGBTQ discrimination. He also expects the continued use of virtual technology, with his firm investing in a Zoom broadcast room. "When you dressed up and went to court, it was about how you presented yourself. This is about how you present yourself in a remote environment to effectively persuade a judge and jury."

