10 critical risks shaping the liability landscape today.

JURY AWARDS • More punitive

damage awards now start with a "b." A health and beauty product manufacturer is challenging a **\$4.14 billion award** to 22 women who claimed its product caused their cancers.



# **MEDICAL COST INFLATION •**

The price of medical care services rose 2.3% from **2018 to 2019**, while the change in all consumer items was only 1.9%, making injury claims more costly.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY • TBI-related ER visits increased by more than 50% over six years. The lifetime cost of treatment runs anywhere from \$85.000



### **LITIGATION FUNDING •**

More than a third of U.S. law firms used litigation financing in 2017 - up from only 7% in 2013.

# WORKPLACE **VIOLENCE** •

About 1.7 million people experience violence at work every year. Employers can be held responsible if they knew or should

to \$3 million.



### **DISTRACTED DRIVING •**

In 2017, 3,166 people were killed in accidents caused by distracted driving. Proliferation of mobile devices and



constant connectivity is driving up accident frequency.

LOW FREQUENCY

flawed security measures.



have known about active threats or

## **SOCIAL MEDIA** •

Disciplinary action over an employee's social media posts may violate The National Labor Relations Act. The NLRB has previously sued corporations for social media policies that restrict employees' use of personal accounts.



#### **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY •**

Juries increasingly seek to hold corporations liable for damages, discounting individual responsibility for any harm done.



Self-driving cars make it harder to determine who's at fault in an accident. The driver, auto manufacturer and software developer may all be drawn into a claim.



### **SHARING ECONOMY** •

The sharing sector may hit \$335 billion in revenue by 2025, but outsourcing to gig workers muddles responsibility for product safety and service quality.



HIGH FREQUENCY