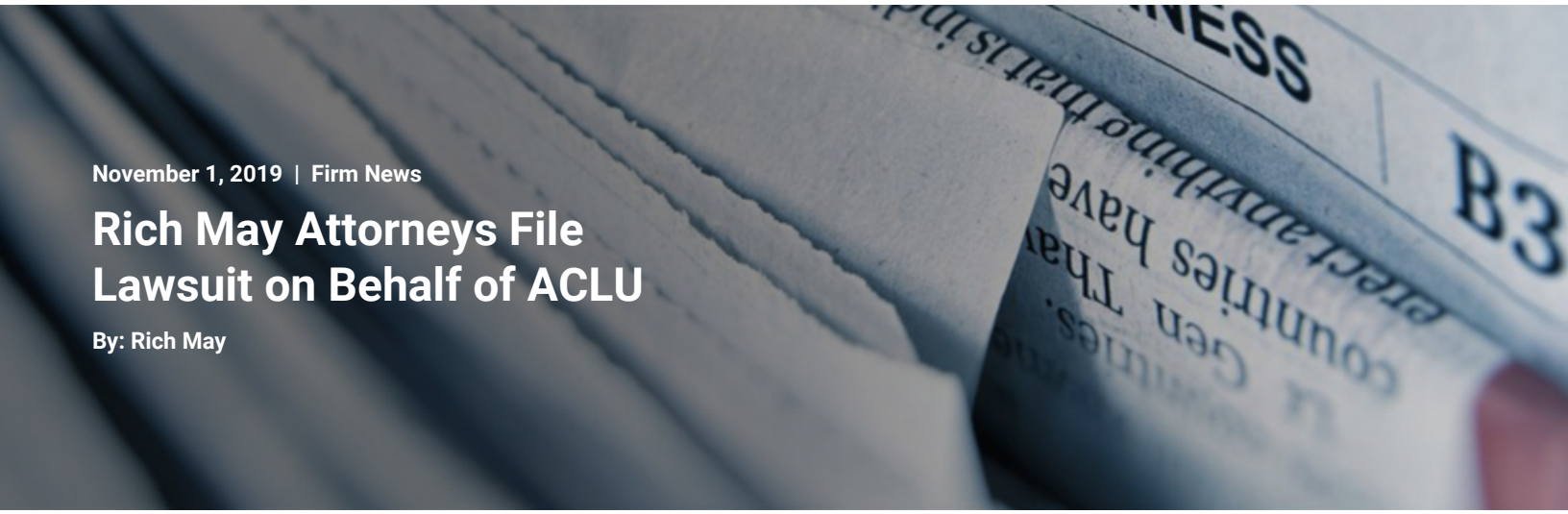

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Rich May Attorneys File Lawsuit on Behalf of ACLU

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Rich May attorneys David Glod and Nathaniel C. Donoghue, as cooperating counsel with the American Civil Liberties Union and ACLU of Massachusetts, have filed a lawsuit against the federal government seeking information on the use of face recognition surveillance technology.

The ACLU warns that face and other biometric surveillance technologies can enable undetectable, persistent, and suspicionless surveillance on an unprecedented scale.

The lawsuit was filed Thursday against the Department of Justice, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the FBI, after the agencies failed to produce any records in response to a Freedom of Information Act request. The complaint asks a federal court to intervene and order the agencies to turn over all records detailing how face and other biometric identification technologies are being used, any safeguards that are used to prevent their abuse and protect core constitutional rights, what databases of such information the agencies have access to, and other information.

To learn more, see the ACLU's press release about the lawsuit, and the ACLU's blog post about face recognition surveillance technology. You can also read about the lawsuit in the Washington Post, and follow the progress of the case and view copies of case filings here.

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