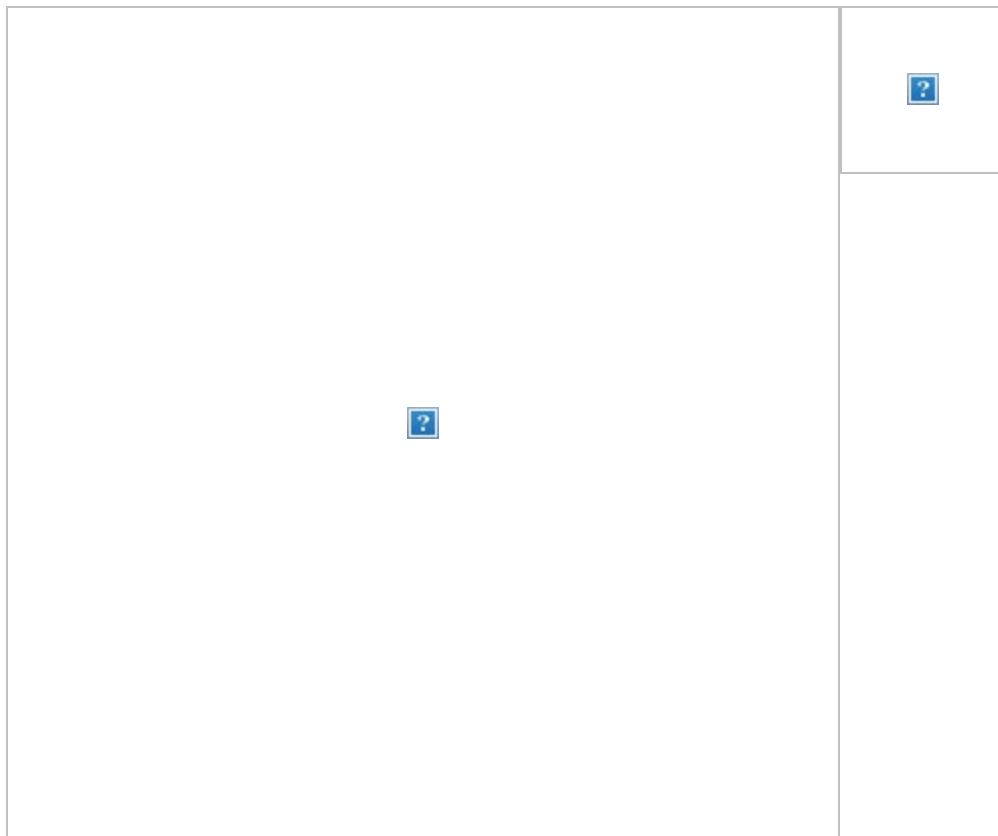

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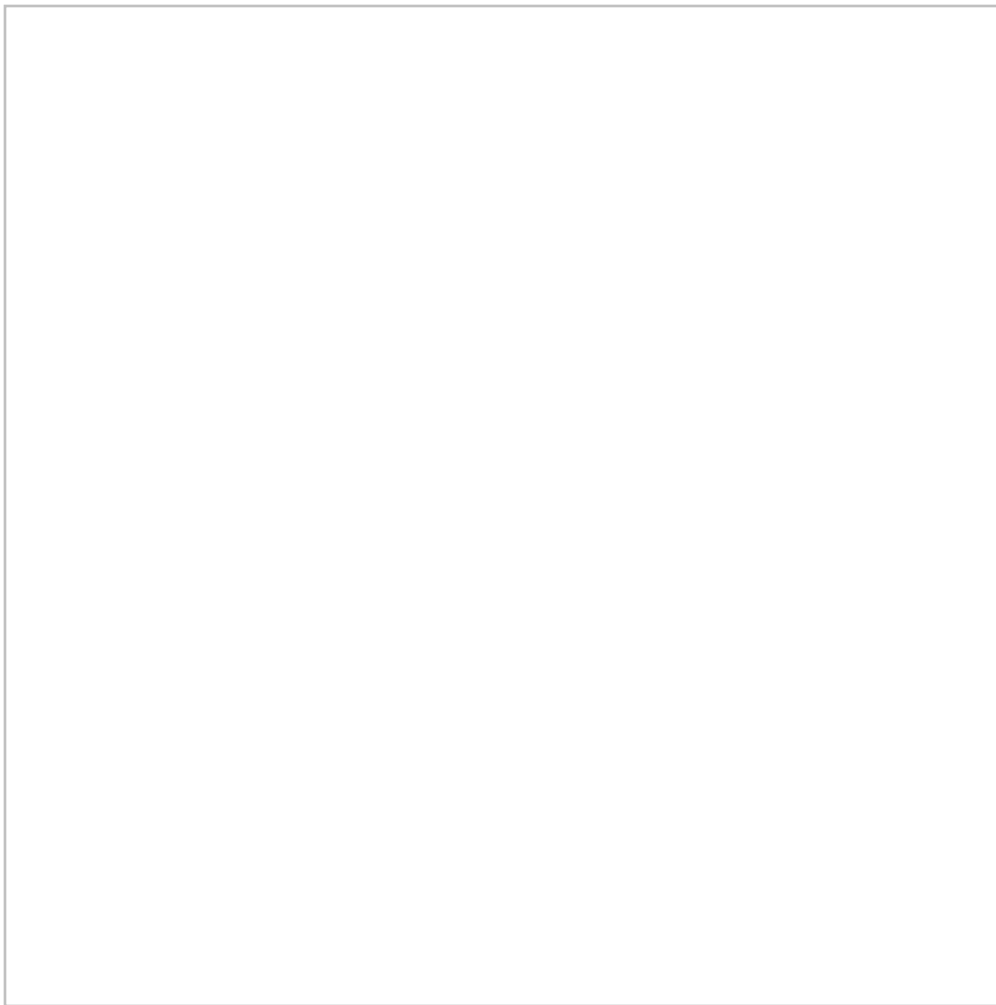




What's going on today?

- **President Trump** said the U.S. [might have to "unwind" trade deals](#) it has clinched with the European Union, Japan and South Korea, among others, if it loses a **U.S. Supreme Court** case on the legality of tariffs.
- Victims of convicted sex offender **Jeffrey Epstein** demanded that the **U.S. Congress** [pass legislation](#) forcing the release of all unclassified records related to the disgraced financier held by the Trump administration.
- **Eudia**, a venture capital-backed startup that makes an artificial intelligence-powered platform for corporate legal teams, [has launched a law firm in Arizona](#) under loosened law firm ownership rules.

Google's AI rivals get a boost from data-sharing order, but tech giant far from routed



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A rising group of artificial intelligence companies [stand to gain](#) from an antitrust ruling that ordered **Alphabet's Google** to share its invaluable search data with competitors.

Matching Google's heft, though, will take time and huge resources, with no guarantees that any rival product will win as many users, experts said.

While Google was spared the devastating outcome of having to sell its popular **Chrome** browser and **Android** operating system, **U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta's** [ruling](#) was a nod to regulators' efforts to level the playing field for companies who have invested billions to boost their AI business. "The emergence of GenAI changed the course of this case," Mehta wrote.

The data-sharing requirement does not alter Google's existing means

of distribution, allowing the company to continue to pay the likes of **Apple** to make its search engine the default option. However, it lowers the barrier for competitors to develop and distribute their own alternatives to Google Search, experts said.

These AI products, some say, pose a [bigger threat](#) to Google than the antitrust case. But development will take time and resources, giving Alphabet investors a measure of confidence in the near term. [Read more](#) from **Kenrick Cai**.

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Career Tracker ...

In New York: Litigation partner **Nicole Bergstrom** [joined](#) Proskauer from **Frankfurt Kurnit ... Latham** [added](#) asset management M&A partner **Thomas Lee** from **Fried Frank ... Sterlington** [hired](#) corporate partner **Michael Gilligan** from **WilmerHale ...** Tax partner **Vadim Novik** [joined](#) **Fried Frank** from **JPMorgan Chase ... Winstead** [picked up](#) real estate finance partners **Dax Scharfstein** and **Chris Cosolito** from **Cassin & Cassin ... Gibson Dunn** [brought on](#) antitrust partner **Bradley Smith** from **Sullivan & Cromwell ... Seward & Kissel** [added](#) **Lindsay Ditlow** as co-head of its employment practice from **McDermott ... Sullivan & Cromwell** [hired](#) **Yaira Dubin** from the DOJ's **Office of the Solicitor General ... Kirkland** [tapped](#) rated funds partner **Lindsay Trapp** from **Dechert**.

In D.C.: **Veronica Dragalin**, the former chief prosecutor of the anti-corruption prosecution office in the Republic of Moldova, [rejoined](#) **Jones Day ... Steptoe** [hired](#) former **AB InBev** chief ethics and compliance officer **Matt Galvin ... Perkins Coie** [added](#) **Ted Dowd** from the **Office of the Comptroller of the Currency**.

In London: **Sullivan & Cromwell** [hired](#) restructuring and private equity partners **Kon Asimacopoulos** from **Kirkland** and former **Weil** partner **Michael Francies ... Simpson Thacher** [brought on](#) energy transition partner **Eleanor Milne** from **A&O Shearman ...** European tech law firm **YPOG** [opened an office](#) with a team from **Withers ...** Aviation finance partner **Ainsley Ierland** [joined](#) **Vinson & Elkins** from **A&O Shearman ... Squire Patton Boggs** [hired](#) litigation partner **Miles Robinson** from **Mayer Brown**. Elsewhere in the U.K., Squire Patton Boggs brought on **Partho Chaudhuri** in Birmingham from **Deloitte**, **Deborah Polden** in Leeds from **Eversheds** and **Chris Roberts** in Manchester from **DLA Piper**.

In Atlanta: **Smith, Gambrell & Russell** [added](#) former federal

prosecutor **Erin Spritzer** ... **Bradley** [hired](#) healthcare partner **Tara Ravi** from **Parker Hudson** ... **Kilpatrick** [brought on](#) technology litigation partner **Eric Larson** from **Morris Manning & Martin**.

Across other cities: **Barbara M.G. Lynn**, the former chief judge for the **Northern District of Texas**, will soon [join](#) Dallas-based litigation firm **Lynn Pinker Hurst & Schwegmann** ... **Segal McCambridge** [added](#) 36 lawyers in Los Angeles from **Chapman Glucksman** ... **Ogletree Deakins** [tapped](#) former **Keller Thoma** co-managing partner **Gouri Sashital** in Detroit ... **Winstead** [hired](#) real estate finance partner **Bill Herbert** in Nashville from **Metro Nashville** ... Litigation partner **Andriana Shultz Daly** [returned](#) to **McGuireWoods** in Richmond, Virginia, from **Indivior** ... Former **Brandywine Realty Trust** lawyer **Nicole Ellis** [joined](#) **Stradley Ronon** in Philadelphia.

In other news ...

Florida [plans to end all state vaccine mandates](#), including for children to attend schools, the state's surgeon general said, likening the mandates to "slavery" ... Chinese **President Xi Jinping** [warned](#) the world was facing a choice between peace or war at a massive military parade in Beijing ... **U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth** said that [military operations against cartels](#) would continue ... Europe's chemical producers [are facing fresh turmoil](#) as U.S. import tariffs disrupt global trade.



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