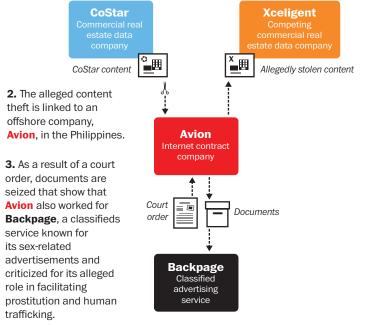
## How the link to Backpage was revealed

1. Real estate data company CoStar sued Xceligent for allegedly stealing and using its online content, a charge Xceligent denies.



- **4.** Although **Backpage** has been the subject of lawsuits based on content appearing in its adult section, the 1996 Federal Communications Decency Act provides website operators, such as **Backpage**, an immunity from prosecution and certain lawsuits arising out of content published on their sites by third-party users.
- **5.** But materials seized from **Avion**, such as phone conversations, emails, text messages and training manuals, show **Avion** was working to solicit sexual ads for **Backpage's** website and to lure potential customers.

