

The Standardization of Contract Language – The Pros and Cons

Article

An article posted on the ContractRoom website discusses the arguments for and against standardizing contractual language, covering such topics as cost, efficiency, lack of variation, legal issues, risk mitigation and productivity.

Dallas Law Firm Gardner Haas Adds Litigator Jeremy Camp as Partner

NEWS

Commercial litigator Jeremy Camp has joined trial law firm Gardner Haas PLLC, moving over from Dallas' Brewer Attorneys & Counselors, formerly Bickel & Brewer.

Quarles & Brady Partners Receive 2016 International

Client Choice Award

NEWS

Quarles & Brady LLP partners David Funkhouser, Christopher Townsend, and Bradley Vynalek each have received the 2016 Client Choice award from Lexology and the International Law Office (ILO), the firm announced.

Katz, Marshall & Banks Issues New Guides for SEC and CFTC Whistleblower Programs

Article

Katz, Marshall & Banks, LLP is offering for free download practice guides for the whistleblower programs for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

Patent Exhaustion Can Be Avoided By Lawful Post-Sale Contractual Restrictions

Article

The en banc Federal Circuit held that patent exhaustion can be avoided by otherwise lawful post-sale contractual restrictions

and that foreign sales of a patented item are not presumed to exhaust patent owner's rights in the United States, according to a report posted by Dentons.

DOJ to Soon Issue Sample Questions on Corporate Compliance

Article

The Department of Justice plans to release a set of questions in the coming weeks that companies implicated in wrongdoing can expect to be asked by investigators concerning their compliance programs, reports Bloomberg BNA.

Can a Debtor Appeal Confirmation of its own Plan?

Article

A ruling in the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals illustrates that at bankruptcy plan confirmation, debtors need to create a record for potential appeals, including those that it may ultimately want to bring,

Independent Contract Workers: Just Because You Say It, Doesn't Make It So

Article

When not done correctly, independent contractor classification is fraught with risk and lots of potential legal liability write Mark J. Neuberger and Larry S. Perlman of Foley & Lardner in an article posted by *The National Law Review*.

Texas Lawyer Dismissed from \$22M Lawsuit

NEWS

A \$22 million lawsuit against Beaumont, Texas attorney Wayne Reaud, along with several others, have been dismissed, reports SETexasRecord.com.

Case Against Ted Cruz's Eligibility to be Heard in Illinois

NEWS

CNN is reporting that a judge in Illinois on Friday will hear

a lawsuit challenging Ted Cruz's eligibility to serve as president, putting questions about the Texas senator's status back into the news the day before the South Carolina primary.

VimpelCom to Pay \$795 Million to Settle U.S. Bribery Claims

NEWS

More than \$114 million in bribes, according to federal prosecutors, was funneled to the Uzbek official during a six-year period by the firm, which issues publicly-traded securities in the U.S. The companies concealed the bribes through various payments to a shell company.

M&A and Transaction Risk Oversight Examined

White Paper

The National Association of Corporate Directors is offering a complimentary copy of the summary from a recent meeting of the NACD Advisory Council on Risk Oversight, which focused on the board's oversight of M&A transactions.

Federal Mandate on E-Voicing & Government Contract Compliance

NEWS

The Office of Management and Budgets (OMB) has issued a memo mandating that all billing and invoicing from government contractors and federal agencies must be electronic. Approximately 12 million invoices still need to make the transition, report two partners in Alston & Bird.

Akerman Names Eric Gordon Labor & Employment Practice Group Chair

NEWS

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm, has announced Eric Gordon has assumed the role of Labor & Employment Practice Group Chair.

Buchalter Nemer Adds Real

Estate Transaction Shareholder in Orange County

NEWS

David A. Lurker has joined Buchalter Nemer in Orange County as a shareholder in its Real Estate Practice Group, the firm announced.

Zenefits CEO Parker Conrad Resigns Amid Scandal

NEWS

Zenefits cofounder Parker Conrad resigned as CEO and as a director of the company, according to a Forbes report, as questions are being raised about the steps Conrad took to put Zenefits into hypergrowth – including flouting laws about who is allowed to sell insurance.

Ransomware Takes Hollywood Hospital Offline, \$3.6M Demanded by Attackers

NEWS

The computers at Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center have been down for more than a week as the Southern California

hospital works to recover from a Ransomware attack, reports CSO.

Goldman Sachs Bankers Said to Depart on Guidelines Breach

NEWS

Three bankers have left Goldman Sachs Group Inc. after the U.S. firm determined they breached internal guidelines in connection with the bank's advisory role on the planned acquisition of a consumer company in the Middle East, reports Bloomberg News.

Survey: Mitigating Reputation Damage in High-Profile Lawsuits

White Paper

A new survey shows senior legal officers recognize importance of communications – but most lack strategy, accountability for what is said outside the courtroom. Greentarget conducted the survey.

Three Appellate Courts Remand for Trial on Existence of Agreement to Arbitrate

Article

For contract negotiators, it is critical to obtain (and retain) a signed copy of the final agreement including the arbitration clause, writes Liz Kramer in Stinson Leonard Street's ArbitrationNation.com.