

# Fifth Circuit Holds Additional Insureds Lack Coverage for Contractual Liability

## News

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has affirmed a lower-court decision declining to broaden additional insured coverage afforded under a commercial general liability policy to an energy operator to contractual liabilities assumed by an energy service provider, writes David J. Saltaformaggio of Phelps Dunbar.

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# Study Finds Need for Visibility in Contract Process to Eliminate Human Error

## Survey

Most companies take more than a month to go from the initial “handshake” with a customer to a signed contract because they rely on manual tools, according to a survey conducted by SpringCM, a contract management solution for Salesforce customers.

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# At Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg Moves to Tighten Gag on Shareholders – And No One Can Stop Him

## News

A non-voting shareholder class will allow Mark Zuckerberg to pursue his dream of giving 99 percent of their shares to charity, without losing any of his voting control, according to a report in *The Los Angeles Times*.

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# ‘Scalia Law School’ Sparks Faculty Feud at George Mason

## News

Billionaire conservative activist Charles Koch and an anonymous donor have offered the university a combined \$30 million contingent on the name change.

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# Quinn Emanuel Sues Hillel Chodos' Estate

## *News*

Los Angeles-based Quinn Emanuel law firm and two of its partners sued the estate of high-profile attorney Hillel Chodos, claiming the famous litigator crossed the line in one of the final cases of his career, reports Courthouse News.

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# Directors, Executives See Uncertainty, Volatility Threatening Corporate Strategy

## *Article*

KPMG's latest Roundtable Series gathered over 1,200 corporate directors and senior executives across 17 cities to share their views on the board's role in calibrating strategy.

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# Webcast: The Key to Your Digital Business Strategy: E-

# Signatures

**Event, May 11, 2 p.m. EDT**

eSignLive will underwrite a complimentary one-hour web seminar by AIIM on Wednesday, May 11 at 2 p.m. EDT to examine the money- and time-saving benefits of e-signature software solutions.

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## **Latham & Watkins Advises Leonard Green & Partners in ExamWorks Group Acquisition**

**News**

ExamWorks Group, Inc., a leading provider of independent medical examinations, peer reviews, bill reviews, Medicare compliance services, case management services, record retrieval services, document management services, has agreed to be acquired by an affiliate of Leonard Green & Partners, L.P., for transaction value of approximately \$2.2 billion.

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## **Akerman Trusts & Estates Partner Paul Collins in NY**

# Office

## **News**

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm, has announced the continued expansion of its Tax Practice Group with the addition of veteran trusts and estates partner Paul Collins in New York. He joins the firm from Schiff Hardin.

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## **Deborah Hankinson Named to Best Lawyers in Dallas List for 2016**

## **News**

This is the 11th time the former Texas Supreme Court justice has been recognized in the annual list based on her expertise in appellate law, arbitration, mediation and trial consulting.

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## **What Can Be Learned From the Panama Papers About the Cloud?**

## **Article**

An article posted by ContractRoom discusses how the hack into the Panama Papers happened and what this means about how law firms store documents.

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# The Ultimate Expert Witness Objection Checklist

## Article

Being familiar with objections to expert testimony is the best way to protect the credibility of your expert's testimony and also challenge that of the opposing expert's, writes Mehjabeen Rahman for the Expert Institute. From discovery to trial, there are several occasions where objections as to an expert's opinion are proper.

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## Leonard Venger Will Rejoin Buchalter Nemer

### News

Litigator and firm alumnus Leonard (Len) D. Venger will rejoin Buchalter Nemer as a senior advisor and chair of the Litigation Practice and Entertainment Industry Groups in Los Angeles, the firm has announced.

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## Recommend and Hire Counsel

# Expand Alliance

## *News*

Recommind, a developer of advanced analytics software, today announced that its alliance partner, Hire Counsel, has offered a unique fixed-price document review model to solve price uncertainty issues in eDiscovery.

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# Big Law Business Diversity & Inclusion: In-House Counsel Call to Action (Live NY Conference)

## *Event, May 3, 2:30 p.m. EDT*

Bloomberg BNA will present a live conference titled Big Law Business Diversity & Inclusion Conference: A Call to Action, focusing on chief legal counsel and their corporate senior diversity officers as well as law firm managing partners.

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# Reed Smith, Pepper Hamilton End Talks About Merger

## *News*

BigLaw firms Reed Smith and Pepper Hamilton have ended talks about a possible merger, both firms announced in separate

statements.

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## **Former Epix Executive Arrested For \$8 Million Fraud at Network**

**News** The former chief digital officer of the Epix cable television network was arrested on Tuesday on charges that he defrauded the company of more than \$8 million, reports Reuters.

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## **Disbarred Lawyer Hooked for \$989k Restitution, Gets Prison in Client Swindle**

**News**

A disbarred lawyer, who swindled clients on Staten Island and in Brooklyn, is on the hook for nearly \$1 million in restitution and will spend up to a dozen years in prison, according to a report on silive.com.

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# Agreement to Arbitrate May Not Require a Written Contract

## *Article*

From two different courts in two different states on two very different claims come the same concept: an agreement to arbitrate may be binding even without a signed contract, according to a report by Stan Martin on the Commonsense Construction Law website.

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# Employer's Failure to Sign Agreement Torpedoes Its Motion to Compel Arbitration

## *Article*

A fundamental principle of contract law is that a written contract is an agreement in writing that serves as proof of the parties' obligations, writes Virginia Whitehill Guldi of Zuckerman Spaeder LLP. What happens, however, when the parties forget some of the niceties of formalizing a written contract?