

Massive California Verdict Expands J&J's Talc Battlefield

News

The \$417 million award by California jury to a California resident suggested so-called forum-shopping may not be the main problem facing J&J, reports Reuters.

Law Firm Boots Partner Who Owned Neo-Nazi Record Label

News

Aaron Davis, a partner in the Minneapolis law firm Patterson Thunte, was placed on leave after the firm learned that Davis owned a neo-Nazi record label.

General Counsel: Guardian and Conscience of the Company

Insight

Mark A.Cohen writes that “general counsel – and large corporate departments – are law’s petri dish. They are reconfiguring the boundaries and expanding the expectations of what it means to be an effective corporate lawyer.”

How Oil & Gas Technology Investments Help Executives Secure Project Payback

Webinar: Oct. 3, 2017, 9 a.m. CDT

The fall in oil prices has driven energy executives to focus on reducing production costs, according to Schneider Electric. However, are the benefits accrued from this price-influenced cost cutting only temporary or can they be made permanent and sustainable?

Stays of Contract Award and Performance

Insight

An article in the Government Contracts Insights blog on the website of Morrison Foerster discusses stays of award and performance during the pendency of a bid protest.

4 Key Takeaways: Consulting

Agreements – Who Owns the IP?

Insight

The Kilpartick Townsend article discusses four key takeaways: Consulting agreements make it possible for companies to own IP produced by consultants, work-for-hire clauses, conflicting obligations, and failure to protect trade secrets.

What In-House Counsel Need To Know About Their Form Arbitration Clauses

Insight

Because the arbitration clause in a commercial contract is so critical, careful review of that clause surely must be a component of an enterprise's risk analysis, according to Mintz Levin's ADR: Advice From the Trenches blog.

Rule #1 for Dealing with the Media: Assume You're On the Record

Insight

Amy Boardman Hunt of Muse Communications offers a reminder about the First Rule of Dealing with the Media: Assume you are

on the record.

Waymo Jury May Be Warned Uber Lawyers Didn't 'Come Clean'

News

Uber Technologies Inc. may pay a price for withholding key evidence from Waymo when their trade secrets dispute goes to trial, reports Bloomberg Technology.

Biglaw Leaders Denounce Trump's Rhetoric On Charlottesville

News

Several large law firms have spoken out against President Trump's remarks following the Charlottesville violence, reports Above the Law.

Seven Charged in U.S. Insider Trading Ring

News

The alleged tipster, Daniel Rivas, and James Moodhe, the father of Rivas' girlfriend, both pleaded guilty to charges of fraud, conspiracy, and making false statements to the FBI, Reuters reports.

10th Annual Law Department Operations Survey

Survey

Participants are being sought for the 10th Annual Blickstein Group Law Department Operations Survey, the oldest research specifically covering law department operations.

Amplification Works for Women Lawyers Beyond Meetings

Insight

Amy Boardman Hunt of Muse Communications discusses the practice of amplification: when a woman makes a key point, other women repeat it, giving credit to its author.

Christopher M. Carlisle Joins Dykema's Growing Dallas Office

News

Dykema announced the addition of Christopher M. Carlisle to its Corporate Finance practice group as a senior counsel in the firm's growing Dallas office, which has now added four attorneys in the past two months.

If You Trademark It, Then You Better Put a Ring on It

News

Dallas lawyer Chris Schwegmann, a partner at Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst who tries intellectual property cases, offers some insight on the Tiffany v. Costco dispute.

Lost Profits: Direct or

Indirect Damages?

Insight

Any Dugan of King & Fisher Law Group writes about a case that addresses the issue of whether lost profits are recoverable and the need for clear-language drafting to avoid problems.

Dallas Trial Lawyer David Elrod Joins Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton

News

David Elrod has joined the business and entertainment law firm Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton, LLP, as a partner in the Dallas office, marking an expansion of the firm's existing litigation practice.

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The organization is offering an exclusive \$125 discount on the registration fee for readers of General Counsel News who register by August 31.

Why Tiffany & Co.'s \$19.4M Court Win Against Costco Is Correct – And Important

News

A Forbes contributor says the lawsuit is an example of how selling specialized products without a deep understanding of them can be disastrous (and potentially quite expensive) for the retailer.

Big Pharma's Tobacco Moment as Star Lawyers Push Opioid Suits

News

Six states have sued opioid makers, alleging they have created a public health crisis.