

Webinar: Implement Contract Triage in 5 Steps

Event, Nov. 29, 2 p.m. EST

A new webinar from LawGeex will cover how to create an internal contract triage process in five steps, all the way from planning through to execution.

With Killer Still on the Loose, Associates of Slain Kansas Lawyer Are Fearful

News

Within minutes of attorney Tom Pickert's murder Wednesday morning at his Kansas City-area home, his colleagues in a recent case started worrying about their own safety, reports *The Kansas City Star*.

Hydraulic Fracture Related Damage Claim: Federal Court Addresses Application of

Consent and Release Agreement

News

A U.S. District Court recently addressed issues associated with a producing vertical well's claim for damages related to another company's subsequent installation of a horizontal well, reports Walter G. Wright for Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard.

Allocation of Data Breach Risks and Costs in Vendor Contracts: Negotiate, Negotiate, Negotiate

Insight

If the organization's sensitive data is breached while under the control of a vendor, the vendor's only obligation is to notify the organization, warns Anne S. Peterson of McGuireWoods.

Timing is Vital in a Release Clause in Any Settlement

Agreement

Insight

Lawyers – particularly those representing plaintiffs – should give thoughtful attention to the timing of a release clause in any settlement agreement, advises Lisa B. Markofsky in a post for Proskauer Rose LLP.

Leaving the Contractual Term ‘Voting Power’ Undefined Could Be Risky Business

Insight

Any attorney who regularly drafts stock purchase agreements, voting agreements, or other contracts that use the term “voting power” would do well to take note of a recent ruling, according to an article on the website of Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP.

A Lesson from the 3rd Circuit on Arbitration Clauses: Say What You Mean

Insight

A recent decision by the United States Court of Appeals for

the Third Circuit is a reminder that – for an arbitration clause to apply in certain situations or to certain parties – that intention must be built into the plain terms of the contract.

Alternative Fee Arrangements With Outside Firms Level Off

News

The inherent unpredictability of many types of dispute could be placing a ceiling on the proportion of matters where both parties feel confident operating under an AFA, according to the 2017 Litigation Trends Annual Survey.

Silicon Valley Software Startup, Ex-CEO Fined Nearly \$1M

News

Zenefits will pay a \$430,000 penalty and the co-founder/former chief executive has been fined more than \$533,000, Reuters reports.

Why Roy Moore's Law-School Professor Nicknamed Him 'Fruit Salad'

News

Former law school classmates and professors of Roy Moore – the candidate likely to become the next U.S. senator from Alabama – shared stories with *The New Yorker* about the student who one professor nicknamed “Fruit Salad.”

VMware Licensing: Common Questions about Licensing Rules and Restrictions, Part II

Insight

Keli Johnson Swan of Scott & Scott LLP provides and discusses a list that includes several common questions and concerns related to licensing VMware.

When it Comes to Business

Development, Have a Plan, Start Small

Insight

For those lawyers who are intimidated by the prospect of marketing themselves, Amy Boardman Hunt of Muse Communications offers some advice: Have a plan, and start small.

Winston & Strawn Lawyer Collaborates With Judge to Write Jury Trial Reference

News

The University of North Texas Press is releasing a lawyers' guide to courtroom preparation and strategy titled "On the Jury Trial: Principles and Practices for Effective Advocacy."

Billing Guideline Enforcement Vital, Says Thomson Reuters Legal Tracker LD0 Index

Insight

The Thomson Reuters Legal Tracker LD0 Index is a new semiannual report based on anonymized data from over 1,100

legal departments. In addition, the report separately surveyed 155 legal departments on their use of cost controls.

Invitation: 2017 Ethics and Compliance Virtual Conference

Event, Nov. 9, 2017

More than 4,000 legal, audit and compliance professionals are expected for the 2017 Ethics & Compliance Virtual Conference, a free, virtual conference that can be access online.

Environmental Attorney Dorothy Watson Returns to Foley in Orlando

News

Foley & Lardner LLP announced that Dorothy Watson has rejoined the firm's Environmental Regulation practice as of counsel in the Orlando office.

Sidley to Add Energy Capital Markets, M&A Team in Houston, Washington, D.C.

News

Sidley Austin LLP announced that it will add a team of five partners to its Capital Markets and M&A practices, four in the Houston office and the other dividing his time between Houston and Washington, D.C.

U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform Names IADC as 2017 Outstanding Alliance Award Winner

News

The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) was recognized by the Institute for Legal Reform for the IADC's work on legal reform issues.

Ian Forbes joins DLA Piper's

Washington, DC office

News

Ian Forbes has joined DLA Piper's telecommunications practice as an associate in the Washington, DC office.

Senate Kills Rule On Class-Action Suits Against Financial Companies

News

Vice President Pence cast the tie-breaking vote to rollback the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule banning restrictive mandatory arbitration clauses found in the fine print of credit card and checking account agreements.