### Jackson Walker Lawyers Squeeze Tax Law Options Onto One-Page Interactive Graphic

#### Insight

Tax lawyers at Jackson Walker LLP have reduced the details of the new U.S. tax law to a one-page interactive graphic to help businesses, individuals and their accountants sort out the new law's complexities.

### Sexual Harassment Settlements are No Longer Tax Deductible

#### Insight

Settling gender, race, national origin, homosexuality, retaliation, and hostile workplace allegations confidentially is still a tax deductible event. BUT, Sexual harassment settlements are no longer tax deductible!

### Download: The State of E-Signature Implementation

#### Insight

The Forrester Report examines 25 e-signature implementations across the United States and Europe with use cases for

receivables, payables, various contracts, onboarding agreements, and travel bookings

### Tech Start-Up Fires Engineers Amid Union Organizing Effort

#### News

The move came less than two weeks after the workers filed a petition to join a CWA unit and days before a union election hearing scheduled for Jan 31," according to Bloomberg.

# SEC Halts Dallas-Based Bank's Cryptocurrency Sale – But Not Before It Says It Raised \$600 Million

#### News

The Securities and Exchange Commission has halted the sale of AriseCoin, saying it was all part of a more straightforward, old-fashioned investment scam, according to *The Dallas Morning News*.

### Michigan State Trustee Calls for GC to Resign in Wake of Scandal

#### News

Michigan State University Trustee Brian Mosallam is calling for the resignation of Bob Noto, the school's vice president for legal affairs and general counsel, in the wake of the Larry Nassar scandal, reports *The Detroit News*.

# Munck Wilson Mandala Elects Neil Ferrari as a 2018 Partner

#### News

Munck Wilson Mandala elected intellectual property associate Neil G. Ferrari as a new partner, effective January 1, 2018.

### Surviving the NDA Nightmare: New Webinar

#### Webinar, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. PST

ContractWorks will present a complimentary webinar, "Surviving the NDA Nightmare: Managing Legal & Logistical Problems,"

# Jeff Gifford Appointed Leader of Dykema's Corporate Finance Practice Group

#### News

Jeff Gifford has been appointed to lead Dykema's Corporate Finance Practice Group, a team involved in corporate finance matters.

# Sidley Adds Environmental Partner in Houston

#### News

Heather Palmer has joined Sidley Austin LLP in its Houston office as a partner in its Environmental practice. She joins Sidley from Bracewell LLP.

### New Research Report: Global Trends in Hiring Outside Counsel

### Insight

The Globality report has information on the latest industry viewpoint about hiring outside counsel, That information was gathered from more than 300 GCs from organizations with more than \$1 billion in revenue.

# Workplace Litigation Report: The Good and the Bad

#### News

Employers can find good news and some bad news in Seyfarth Shaw's 14th Annual Workplace Class Action Litigation, which analyzes 1,408 rulings.

### Important eDiscovery Case Law Decisions of 2017 and Their Impact on 2018

### **On-Demand** CloudNine has posted an on-demand webinar that covers key 2017

case law decisions covered by the company's eDiscovery Daily blog and what the legal profession can learn from those rulings.

### Can Emails Establish an Easement in Texas?

### Insight

Charles Sartain, in a discussion involving a Texas case concerning a disagreement over the negotiation of the payment for a pipeline easement, addresses the issue of whether emails can create a contract.

# Fifth Circuit En Banc Simplifies Rule for Identifying Maritime Contracts in the Oilfield

### Insight

The Fifth Circuit en banc has handed down an historic reworking of the test for determining whether oilfield contracts are maritime or non-maritime in nature, according to a Baker Donelson post.

### If Your Employment Agreements Use This One Word, Ownership of Your Patents May Be in Jeopardy

#### Insight

An employment agreement providing an employee "will assign" title to her inventions to her employer did not automatically transfer title or any related patent rights, explains Eleanor M. Yost of Carlton Fields.

# *Lucarell v. Nationwide*: A Case All Commercial and Contract Lawyers Should Read

### Insight

Melinda Burton, writing for Faruki Ireland Cox Rhinehart & Dusing, explains how a ruling from the Supreme Court of Ohio reaffirms and clarifies law in Ohio on breach of contract, implied duty of good faith, punitive damages, releases of liability and fraud.

### Langley & Banack's Charla Davies Receives Board Certification in Family Law

#### News

Attorney Charla D. Davies received Board Certification in Family Law by Texas Board of Legal Specialization (TBLS).

### Laurie J. Rust Joins Littler as Shareholder in Denver Office

#### News

Laurie J. Rust has joined Littler as a shareholder in the firm's Denver office. Rust, a labor and employment litigator, joins from Gordon & Rees.

### Perkins Coie Adds Former National Security and Cybercrimes Chief to White

# **Collar Practice**

### News

Christopher K. Veatch has joined Perkins Coie's White Collar & Investigations practice group as a partner in the Chicago office.