# Feds Investigating Lobbying Contract Between Biglaw Firm and Missouri County

#### News

The FBI is investigating a lobbying contract between Jackson County in Misssouri and Biglaw firm Polsinelli, *The Kansas City Star* reports.

### Founder of Tea Party Nation Has Been Disbarred for Trying to Scam Timeshare Owners

#### News

Tennessee attorney Judson Wheeler Phillips, a senior partner with Nashville-based Castle Law Group, was accused of taking off with the money he earned from the fraudulent transactions, the Tennessee Supreme Court has ruled.

### Class Action Royalty Litigation in the Shale Plays

#### Insight

A Haynes and Boone post analyzes nationwide trends in the

filing and certification of royalty class action cases, which result in much greater exposure to producers than individual royalty owner cases.

### China Contracts: Not Quite Legal Usually Means 100% Illegal

#### Insight

A less than fully legal, truly enforceable contract is no contract at all, warns Dan Harris of Harris Bricken, LLP, writing in China Law Blog.

## Where Can I Sue You? Forum Selection vs. Choice of Law

#### News

A post on the website of Meislik & Meislik discusses the differences between two contract provisions that sometimes are confused: forum selection and choice of law.

# Teaming Up? Avoid Unenforceable Agreements to Agree

#### Insight

Teaming agreements are intended to define the relationships, rights and responsibility of all parties involved during both the pursuit of the work.

### Take Care: Headings Can Affect Contract Interpretation

#### Insight

Contract headings can be a trap for the unwary—courts have used them to interpret the parties' intent when a provision is ambiguous or misleading, warns Julie Brook for CEBblog.

## Overqualified? Or Too Old? Ex-GC's Age Discrimination

# Case Takes Aim at Biased Recruiting Practices

#### News

The Chicago Tribune tells the story of a former general counsel who had been unemployed and job hunting for three years when he came across a position that seemed promising, but the part that excluded any applicants with his years of experience.

### Biglaw Firm Reverses Course on Associate Raises, Now With \$190,000 Starting Salary

#### News

Seventh-year associates at Fish & Richardson can look forward to salaries of \$325,000 on the new scale, reports Above the Law.

# North Carolina Bar Accuses Florida Lawyer of Stealing

#### From 2 Death Row Exonerees

#### News

Orlando lawyer Patrick Megaro took excessive fees when he pocketed a third of the awards despite having done virtually no work on their exonerations or compensation cases, the state bar alleges.

# Greensfelder Launches Office in St. Louis Cortex Innovation Community

#### News

Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., has opened an office in the Cortex Innovation Community, an innovation hub and technology district in St. Louis. More than 20 Greensfelder attorneys from diverse practice groups staff the office on a rotational basis.

## 5 Estes Thorne & Carr Partners Win Recognition

#### News

Five Estes Thorne & Carr partners have been named to the 2019 listing of The Best Lawyers in America and the 2018 listing of

# Inside the Private Justice Department Meeting That Could Lead to New Investigations of Tech Giants

#### News

Participants voiced lingering frustrations that these companies are too big, fail to safeguard users' private data and don't cooperate with legal demands.

### Federal Appeals Court Rules Uber Can Force Drivers Into Individual Arbitration, Voids Class-Action

#### News

The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco overturned a lower-court order that had certified the drivers' class-action effort.

## Feds: Lawyer Plotted to Bribe Trial Witness in Murder Case

#### News

Federal prosecutors in Brooklyn have charged a criminal defense lawyer with bribing a witness in an effort to alter the outcome of a notorious 2015 Suffolk County gang-related double-murder trial.

# Muse Communications LLC Named One of Dallas' Best Legal Public Relations Firms

#### News

The readers of *Texas Lawyer* have selected Muse Communications LLC as one of Dallas' best legal public relations agencies.

## Quarles & Brady Announces Managing Partner Transition

#### News

Michael Aldana has been appointed Quarles & Brady LLP's

## Thomas Burns Joins Littler as Chief Financial Officer

#### News

Littler has named Thomas Burns as its chief financial officer (CFO), based in the firm's Kansas City office.

### Buchalter Adds Managing Shareholder and Three Attorneys from Archer Norris in San Francisco

#### News

Buchalter announced that a team of former Archer Norris attorneys, including the firm's former managing shareholder, have joined the firm.

# Perkins Coie Adds Telecom Partner Stephanie Roy in Washington, D.C.

#### News

Stephanie Roy has joined Perkins Coie's Technology Transactions & Privacy practice as a partner in the Washington, D.C. office. She also joins the firm's Communications industry group.