### Alphabet Soup: A Review and Summary of Post-Grant Practice at the USPTO

### Webinar, Nov. 21, 2019

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, "Alphabet Soup: A Review and Summary of Post-Grant Practice at the USPTO," featuring Fitch Even partner David A. Gosse.

## Veteran Litigator Joel Forman Joins Akerman in New York

#### News

Joel Forman has joined Akerman LLP's national Litigation Practice Group as a partner in New York.

## Stacey L. McGraw Joins Dykema's Insurance Industry Group and Business Litigation Practice in D.C. Office

#### News

Stacey L. McGraw has joined Dykema in its Insurance Industry

# Hunton Andrews Kurth Adds Boston Attorney Michael J. Altieri

#### News

Michael J. Altieri has joined Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP as senior attorney in the firm's global environmental practice in the Boston office.

# Thompson & Knight Advises Oilfield Water Logistics on Sale to InstarAGF Asset Management

#### News

Thompson & Knight LLP advised Oilfield Water Logistics, LLC (OWL) in connection with the sale of its midstream water infrastructure and services business.

## Rex Tillerson Back in Spotlight at Exxon Climate Trial

#### News

Tillerson is scheduled to make an appearance at the New York Supreme Court Wednesday to answer questions about missing emails and varying carbon pricing schemes.

# Arrests Made in Fatal Shooting of U.S. Lawyer Acting as Attorney General in Micronesia

#### News

Yap Gov. Henry S. Falan said the next stage in the investigation will be "court proceedings as the state moves toward the final stage of conviction."

### DLA Piper Turns Sex-Assault

### Probe Back on Accuser: Cites Alleged 'Flirtation'

#### News

DLA Piper and former partner Louis Lehot parted ways after his colleague Vanina Guerrero accused the star Silicon Valley lawyer of sexually assaulting her.

## Bradley Partner Appointed SVP and General Counsel of Vulcan Materials Co.

#### News

Denson N. Franklin III, a partner in the Birmingham, Ala., office of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, has been appointed senior vice president and general counsel of Birmingham-based Vulcan Materials Co.

# IADC Member Matthew Keenan Confirmed by Senate to Legal Services Corporation Board

#### News

International Association of Defense Counsel member Matthew D.

Keenan, a partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P., has been appointed by President Trump and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a new member of the Legal Services Corporation board.

# Dykema Adds Litigators Israel Silvas, Mike Toth and Alexis Farrell

#### News

Dykema announced the addition of attorneys Israel R. Silvas, Mike Toth and Alexis B. Farrell to its Dallas office.

# Dallas Attorneys Clayton Bailey, Alex Brauer Earn Recognition as 'Trailblazers'

#### News

Bailey Brauer co-founders Clayton Bailey and Alex Brauer are among the "agents of change" in the legal profession singled out by *Texas Lawyer*.

### Jones Day Women Point to Managing Partner's 'Totalitarian Grip'

#### News

Six female former Jones Day lawyers claims the managing partner backs his "totalitarian grip" on Jones Day with a "no whining policy."

# Laid Off Blackjewel Coal Miners to Get Millions in Back Pay After Train Blockade

#### News

For two months this summer, out-of-work miners blocked a train full of coal from shipping out of an eastern Kentucky mine.

## Biglaw Partner's Reply-All Snafu Reveals Insensitive Comments

#### News

The firm's administrators quickly sent their own email

distancing themselves from David Stratton's off-color comments.

## Is It Time to Reconsider Your Non-Compete Policy? It Might Be If You Employ Low-Wage Workers

### Insight

Businesses should evaluate their current restrictive covenant programs to ensure that they comply with newly enacted statutes, advises Seyfarth Shaw.

### Federal Government Contract Modifications: Pay Attention

### Insight

Any release document (including releases with parties other than the government) should be narrowly drawn and clearly articulate those claims that are being released.

# SCOTUS Clarifies Vague Arbitration Clauses Affecting Class Disputes for Growing Businesses

### Insight

If class arbitration is not explicitly addressed in an arbitration agreement, it cannot be compelled, writes Patrick K. Burns in a blog post for PilieroMazza.

# New Advertising Rules for Texas Lawyers are One Step Closer to Reality

#### News

Some of the new rules cover such topics as the use of trade names for lawyers, claims of legal specialization, the submission of law firm websites for approval, and gifts to nonlawyer referral sources.

### When is a Contract Provision

# a Liquidated Damages Clause?

### News

A liquidated damages clause is a provision in a contract specifying a dollar amount to be paid by a party if the party breaches the contract.