Sink Hole Investigation: Historic Photos Show South Dakota Operated Second Underground Mine in Hideaway Hills

AnnouncementHistoric photographs from the 1960s provide evidence the state of South Dakota operated a second mine beneath portions of the Black Hawk area that began to collapse in April 2020, leaving homes in the Hideaway Hills subdivision worthless.

Day Pitney Expands Into Rhode Island

NewsDay Pitney LLP announced that it will expand its East Coast presence through a merger with Rhode Island-based law firm Howland Evangelista Kohlenberg LLP, a dedicated trusts and estates boutique handling complex and sophisticated planning, probate and trust matters for high net worth individuals and families.

Tom Girardi Owes $56.8M to Law Firms, Lit Funders and Other Creditors

NewsFamed plaintiffs attorney Tom Girardi is on the hook for at least $56.8 million, according to the Chapter 7 trustee overseeing his estate.

Biglaw Firm Back with Special Bonus

NewsCooley – a firm that hadn't announced any compensation cuts – stepped up and offered special bonuses ranging from $2,500 to $7,500 for all associates and counsel. Of course, Davis Polk upped the ante (just like the firm did this spring), but Cooley deserves all the credit in the world. Now, the firm is here to match Davis Polk once again.

Former San Diego Assistant U.S. Attorney Promoted to Fox Corp. General Counsel

NewsFox Corporation the appointment of Jeff A. Taylor as General Counsel.

Best Practices for Solar EPC Contracts

InsightsFor a variety of reasons, the solar industry has experienced, and will continue to experience, record growth.

Incentive Stock Options (ISOs) versus Nonstatutory Stock Options (NSOs)

InsightsIn deciding how to best compensate employees in a startup, clients often consider stock options as a viable choice.

Language in Declaration Makes Association Strictly Liable

InsightsDid the Association breach the Declaration (contract) by failing to keep the lift station continually operable?

FERC Refines DER Wholesale Market Participation Rules

InsightsOn March 18, 2021, the FERC issued an order on rehearing of its landmark final rule pertaining to the participation of distributed energy resources through an aggregator in FERC-jurisdictional Regional Transmission Organization and Independent System Operator (“ISO”) organized markets.

Kelly Law Partners Attorney Chanda Feldkamp Joins International Association of Defense Counsel

AnnouncementKelly Law Partners, LLC, partner Chanda M. Feldkamp has accepted an invitation to join the IADC, the preeminent invitation-only global legal organization for attorneys who represent corporate and insurance interests.

Duane Morris Welcomes Trial Partner Michael J. Rinaldi in Philadelphia

AnnouncementMichael J. Rinaldi has joined Duane Morris as a partner in the Trial Practice Group in Philadelphia. Prior to joining, Rinaldi served as deputy chief of the Economic Crimes Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

USC Agrees to $852M Payout in Sex Abuse Lawsuit

NewsThe University of Southern California has agreed to an $852 million settlement with more than 700 women who have accused the college's longtime campus gynecologist of sexual abuse.

Am Law Top 20 Firm Antes Up With Special Bonus Bucks For Associates, Counsel

NewsWhich firm is the latest to fall in line and offer up bountiful bonuses in recognition of its attorneys' hard work?

Debevoise to Pay Extra Bonuses in ‘Time of Exceptional Demands’

NewsDebevoise & Plimpton’s associates and counsel in the U.S. will receive special bonuses in June and September of this year, as Big Law seeks to reward lawyers for their hard work during Covid-19 and to retain valuable talent.

Tesla Taps Walmart Ethics, Compliance Chief for New Legal Role

AnnouncementTesla Inc., which has faced accusations of lax in-house legal management, has hired a new compliance leader from Walmart Inc.

Judge Awards Texas Mother

$1.7M in Wrongful Death Lawsuit Against Restaurant

AnnouncementA Montgomery County judge has returned a $1.7 million final judgment against a Golden Chopsticks restaurant in The Woodlands, Texas, for the death of 27-year-old Bobby Joe Johnson, who was walking to his apartment when he was hit by one of the restaurant's delivery drivers.

Ball Janik LLP Welcomes Real Estate Attorney Doug Stanford to the Firm's Orlando Office

AnnouncementBall Janik LLP, a construction defect and property damage law firm with offices in Florida and Oregon, is pleased to announce that Doug Stanford, Jr. has joined the firm's Orlando office. Stanford is a real estate attorney in the Construction Defect practice, strengthening Ball Janik's continual commitment to its clients.

"We are thrilled to welcome Doug to our firm," said Heather J. Oden, the firm's Chief Operating Officer. "He is a talented real estate attorney who will be instrumental to the continued growth of our firm in the Central Florida market."

Stanford focuses his legal practice on representing residential owners in the pursuit of complex construction defect claims. Prior to joining the firm, Stanford spent his career handling complex construction defect matters on behalf of owners throughout Northeast Florida. Stanford has

significant experience in appellate matters focused on pursuing justice on behalf of owners in complex construction matters, including first-party property damage claims, contract disputes, and failure of real estate sellers to disclose latent defects.

Duane Morris Welcomes Corporate Partner Hernan Gonzalez Moneta in New York

AnnouncementDuane Morris LLP has welcomed an additional partner from Reed Smith LLP to their New York Office. Hernan Gonzalez Moneta joins as a partner in the firm’s Corporate Practice group.

Akerman Expands National Litigation Practice Group in Denver with Adam Massaro

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Davis Polk is Again the Firm to Beat on Associate Bonuses, With Payouts up to $64K

NewsNew York’s Davis Polk & Wardwell, whose fall 2020 bonuses set the standard for top law firms looking to reward pandemic-weary associates, said Monday it will give associates extra bonuses in the spring and fall of 2021, too.