Washington, D.C., Poised to Ban Most Non-Compete Agreements

InsightsNon-compete agreements may all but disappear from the Washington, D.C. employment landscape in 2021.

When “Liquidated Damages” Are Not

InsightsAs a general rule, courts do not save sophisticated parties from bad deals; instead, courts enforce both good deals and bad deals between sophisticated parties according to the express terms set forth in a written contract.

Solar and Wind Tax Credits Extended, Again

InsightsThe United States Congress passed a second large stimulus bill aimed at curtailing the economic disruptions caused by COVID-19.

Barnes & Thornburg Launches Racial and Social Justice Foundation

AnnouncementFirm pledges initial donation of more than $200,000 to nonprofit organizations combatting racial and social injustice

Bitmovin Releases Open Source Nondisclosure Agreement to Speed Commercial Transactions

AnnouncementBitmovin announced an open-source NDA that standardizes the most commonly used clauses to speed up transactions, created by researchers from the UC Hastings and Bitmovin’s General Counsel.

Barnes & Thornburg Elects 10

New Partners for 2021

AnnouncementBarnes & Thornburg has elected 10 attorneys as partners, effective Jan. 1, 2021. The new partners, their office location and practice areas are:

Michael K. Hurst Named to The International Society of Barristers

AnnouncementMichael K. Hurst, name partner at the highly respected Dallas trial boutique Lynn Pinker Hurst & Schwegmann, has been named as a member of The International Society of Barristers.

UNG Names General Counsel

NewsUniversity of North Georgia President Bonita Jacobs has announced Reggie Lampkin as the new university general counsel, effective Jan. 1.

Millions in Pandemic Aid Didn’t Stop These Firms from Cutting Jobs or Pay

NewsLaw firms rushed to secure government aid early in the coronavirus pandemic, borrowing nearly $12 billion from the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program as their revenues were threatened by court closures and a freeze in corporate deals.

Robinhood Agrees to Pay $65M Settlement Following SEC Claims About Trading

NewsRobinhood Markets has agreed to pay $65 million to settle Securities and Exchange Commission allegations that the broker failed to properly inform clients that it sold their stock orders to high-frequency traders and other financial firms.

Prominent Baltimore Lawyer Snared in Federal

Racketeering Case Against Defense Attorney

NewsA federal grand jury has charged prominent attorney Joshua Treem and a private investigator in the racketeering case against defense attorney Kenneth Ravenell, alleging that they helped conceal Ravenell’s conduct by obtaining false statements to protect him.

Contractual Dispute Resolution Provisions

InsightsIncluding a contractual dispute resolution provision in an agreement may reduce costs, expedite resolution, and potentially lead to a more favorable outcome. But a poorly crafted provision can do just the opposite.

An Extreme Case of Petitioner’s Remorse

InsightsMany business divorce practitioners are familiar with a phenomenon one might call ‘petitioner’s remorse’ – an often abrupt abandonment of one’s desire to dissolve a closely-held business entity when the opposing party unexpectedly declines to oppose or consents to dissolution.

One Size Doesn’t Fit All – Non-Compete Unreasonable and Void

InsightsHere is a useful reminder of some factors to take into account when drafting or seeking to enforce covenants to minimize the risk that they will be found to be unenforceable.

EPA Recommends New Requirements to Address PFAS in Wastewater & Stormwater

InsightsLittle guidance is offered to permit writers as to when PFAS are ‘expected to be present’ in wastewater or stormwater discharges. Rather, permit writers are advised to look to the raw materials stored at the facility…

Eversheds Sutherland Elects

Nine New US Partners

AnnouncementEversheds Sutherland is pleased to announce the election of nine new US partners effective January 1, 2021.

Suit Filed in 2018 New Mexico Helicopter Crash that Claimed the Lives of Five Passengers

AnnouncementThe Dallas-based trial firm Lyons & Simmons has filed a negligence lawsuit against San Antonio-based Sapphire Aviation on behalf of the estate of Houston resident Paul David Cobb, one of five people killed in a 2018 crash of a Bell UH-1H helicopter in rural northern New Mexico.

ATD Names Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel Executive

NewsAmerican Tire Distributors (ATD), one of the largest independent tire distributors in the U.S., has named Carol Genis, formerly with Twentieth Century Fox Television, as its new chief legal officer and general counsel executive.

The *Financial Times* Ranks DLA Piper Second Most Innovative and Second Most Digital Law Firm in 2020

NewsDLA Piper is pleased to announce it was ranked second by the Financial Times for both the Most Innovative and Most Digital law firm in the FT North America Innovative Lawyers 2020 report.

‘Gorilla’ Google Hit with Third Lawsuit as U.S. States Sue Over Search Dominance

NewsGoogle faced its third major lawsuit in two months on Thursday as 38 U.S. states and territories accused the $1 trillion company of abusing its market power to try to make its search engine as dominant inside cars, TVs and speakers as it is in phones.