FCC Fines Company $37.5M For Spoofing Calls

NewsOn Tuesday the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced that it fined Affordable Enterprises of Arizona $37.5 million for making at least 2.3 million illegal spoofed telemarketing calls in a 14-month period starting in 2016 in violation of the Truth in Caller ID Act.

Medical Device Manufacturer Agrees to $18M Settlement on Kickback Scheme

NewsMedical device maker Merit Medical Systems Inc. (MMSI) has agreed to pay $18 million to resolve allegations that it caused the submission of false claims to the Medicare, Medicaid, and Tricare programs by paying kickbacks to physicians and hospitals to induce the use of MMSI products.

Akerman Welcomes Russell Marcus to Corporate Practice

Group in Fort Lauderdale

NewsAkerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, welcomes Russell Marcus to the firm’s Corporate Practice Group in Fort Lauderdale.

Leigh Jeter Joins Michael Best as Labor & Employment Senior Counsel in Chicago

NewsLeigh Jeter has joined Michael Best LLP as Labor & Employment Senior Counsel in Chicago.

Barnes & Thornburg Adds Patent Attorney Matthew Gibson in Dallas

NewsBarnes & Thornburg has added Matthew S. Gibson as a partner in the Intellectual Property Department in its Dallas office. He is the seventh addition to the Intellectual Property Department this year, and his move follows on the heels of Jerry Harris’ addition to the group in Dallas in August.

Deal-Makers See Better Days Ahead Following Turbulent 2020

ReportSurvey respondents bullish about M&A outlook despite COVID-19, election fears

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Airports Authority Names Johnna Spera Senior Vice President and General Counsel

NewsJohnna Spera was appointed senior vice president and general counsel, a position she has held on an interim basis since February.

N.C. Judge First to Favor Policyholders in COVID-19

Closure Lawsuit

NewsA judge in Durham County, North Carolina has handed down what may be the nation’s first dispositive ruling in favor of policyholders in a COVID-19 business-interruption lawsuit.

Portsmouth Lawyer Michael Mearan Arrested on Human Trafficking Charges

NewsFormer Portsmouth, Ohio, city council member and attorney Michael Mearan was arrested today on human trafficking, racketeering and related charges.

Goldman Sachs Agrees to Record $2.9B DOJ Settlement

NewsThe international investment bank Goldman Sachs agreed to pay $2.9 billion and admit wrongdoing for its involvement in the plundering of an economic development fund meant to benefit Malaysia.

Remote Control—How Employers Can Avoid Litigation Disadvantages in the WFH Era

InsightsRemote work is here to stay. The shift from in-person office work to working from home has been dramatic, and the data and commentators suggest it may be permanent.

Helpful Summary of EEOC's New COVID-19 Guidance

InsightsThe Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) recently released updated guidance for both employers and employees addressing common questions related to COVID-19 and the federal employment laws.

Who Pays When Contract Performance Is Excused Due to Covid-19?

InsightsBusiness disruptions caused by Covid-19 are providing fertile ground for contractual disputes and negotiations over how losses should be allocated. Kasowitz Benson Torres attorneys say courts may be increasingly willing to adjust

contract obligations to avoid inequitable results and they offer tips for contract language.

Baker Botts Launches Carbon Technology Arm of Energy Law Firm With Eye to International Clients

InsightsHouston-based Baker Botts, one of the top energy law firms in the U.S., launched a dedicated carbon capture, utilization and storage practice group within its energy sector.

Bradley Partner Todd Presnell Receives 2020 Tom Segalla Excellence in Education Award from DRI

NewsBradley Arant Boult Cummings partner Todd Presnell is the 2020 recipient of the Tom Segalla Excellence in Education Award, which honors a Defense Research Institute (DRI) member whose contributions through legal scholarship exemplify the highest educational standards of DRI.

Coral Gables Attorney Accused of Multiple Bank Robberies

NewsA South Florida lawyer has been arrested for his involvement in at least five robberies or attempted robberies of local banks, FBI officials said Wednesday.

William Fenrich Joins Rockefeller Capital Management as General Counsel

NewsRockefeller Capital Management… announced the appointment of William ‘Billy’ Fenrich as General Counsel.

Whittier to Pay $28M to Family of San Pedro Grandmother Killed by Falling

Tree

NewsFamily members of a 61-year-old San Pedro grandmother who was killed by a falling 80-foot tree at her daughter’s 2016 wedding party in Whittier have reached a tentative $28 million settlement with the city.

OxyContin Maker Pleads Guilty, and Will Pay $8B and Close Company

NewsPurdue Pharma, the maker of OxyContin, has agreed to plead guilty to three federal criminal charges for its role in creating the nation’s opioid crisis and will pay more than $8 billion and close down the company.

Mahendru PC’s International Arbitration Insights Featured in Best Lawyers 2020 Global Business Edition Magazine

NewsHouston trial lawyers Ashish Mahendru and Darren A. Braun of Mahendru PC appeared in the latest issue of Best Lawyers Business Edition after the magazine featured the attorneys’

international arbitration article “Without Delay.”