Controversial Bar Passage Standard Adopted by ABA Legal Ed Council

News

The ABA’s legal education council approved the tighter standard at its May 17 meeting.

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2 U.S. Law Firms Lost Over $117K to International Cybercrime Network, Indictment Alleges

News

A Department of Justice press release announced the dismantling of the cybercrime network in an international law enforcement operation.

Strip-And-Gore Leads to 30 Acres of Minerals Underlying

a Highway

Insight

Several reported cases in recent years have involved title to minerals underlying roadways, points out Austin Brister for the McGinnis Lochridge Oil and Gas Law Digest.

Avoiding Mishaps When Drafting Agreements at the End of Mediation

Insight

Holland & Knight offers some tips for preparing a memorandum of understanding or similar agreement executed at the conclusion of the mediation.

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4 Steps to Ensure the Enforceability of E-Signatures

Insight

Carl Rincker discusses practices that should be implemented to ensure that a business' electronically-signed agreements are binding.

Legal Landmines: Is That Contract You Found Online Leaving Your Company Vulnerable?

Insight

Contracts can be deceivingly complicated and sometimes the ease of a quick internet search can be all too alluring.

Employers May Compel Arbitration Even Where Employee Failed to Sign Arbitration Agreement

Insight

The plaintiff’s acceptance of its terms could be inferred from her failure to opt-out within 14 days outlined in the policy and by her continued employment, the court ruled.

Lawyer Advertising Rules Proposal Draws Mixed Reactions from Texas Attorneys

Insight

Response to the ad proposal and other possible revisions led the State Bar of Texas' Committee on Rules and Referenda to scrap the original proposal and issue a new one based on the committee's work and public comments.

Bayer Bets on 'Silver Bullet' Defense in Roundup Litigation; Experts See Hurdles

News

Bayer has a better shot if a business-friendly U.S. Supreme Court takes up the case, experts said.

Former GC Charged With Defrauding Failed New Orleans Bank

News

Prosecutors alleged that Gregory St. Angelo and two other bank officers conspired to defraud the bank through various “false and fraudulent pretenses.”

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3 Charged in Psychic Swindle That Scammed Attorney Out of $1.5M

News

A Las Vegas lawyer was steadily swindled out of $1.5 million after authorities said she responded to a flyer for “Psychic Readings,” according the the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*.

Majed Nachawati Appointed to Texas Bar Committee on

Professionalism

News

Majed Nachawati, co-founding partner of Fears Nachawati Law Firm, has been appointed to the State Bar of Texas Committee on Professionalism.

Download: Gartner's New Analyst Report on E-Discovery

Insight

The report, which discusses six recommendations Gartner has for defining e-discovery process, can be downloaded from Exterro's website at no charge.

Understanding the New California Consumer Privacy Act

Webinar, May 23, 2019

Duane Morris will present "The California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 Webinar Series: Strategies for the New Era of Strict Consumer Privacy Protections."

Jackson Walker Adds Kirk Tucker to Corporate & Securities Practice in Houston

News

Jackson Walker announced the addition of Kirk Tucker as a partner in the Houston office.

U. S. Judge Voices Doubt on Trump Bid to Block House Subpoena for Financial Records

News

A federal judge expressed astonishment Tuesday at arguments raised by President Trump’s lawyers seeking to block his accounting firm from turning over years of financial records to the House Oversight and Reform Committee, reports *The Washington Post*.

Lawyers Spar Over $64 Million in Fees In $2.2 Billion South Carolina Nuclear Settlement

News

The main point of contention was whether the 13 law firms that fought SCE&G for months before negotiating the settlement should earn $64 million in fees.

Imprisoned Lawyer Ordered to Repay $40M After Embezzlement

News

Nat Hardwick is currently serving 15 years in a low-security federal prison in Kentucky.

Construction Defect Dispute Governed by Contract Disputes Act Not Yet Suited to Being a 'Suit'

Insight

The Southern District of California recently held that a

series of demands for a general contractor to investigate and repair several construction defects at a U.S. Army facility did not constitute a “suit” within the meaning of the general contractor’s commercial general liability policy.

Akerman Announces Expansion into Atlanta and Winston-Salem With Two Offices

News

Akerman LLP announced the firm’s expansion in Atlanta and Winston-Salem, N.C., marking the establishment of the firm’s 24th and 25th offices within seven months.