

# Broad Settlement Discharges Mineral Liens

## *Insight*

When you prepare, review and/or sign settlement agreements you sometimes pay less attention than you should to the details of those “standard” releases, writes Charles Sartain in Gray Reed’s Energy & the Law blog.

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# Podcast: Omri-Ben-Shahar on Consumer Contracts and Not Reading the Fine Print

## *Podcast*

Consumer contract experts Omri Ben-Shahar and Florencia Marotta-Wurgler discuss several types of consumer contracts, enforceability of terms, and the potential consequences of agreeing to these terms without reading the fine print.

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# Three Global Drafting Considerations for

# International Construction Contracts

## *Insight*

U.S. contractors should proceed with caution when seeking to expand their footprint to an international stage, especially in developing countries.

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## Court Refuses to Reform Contract Failing to Find a Scrivener's Error

## *Insight*

A Delaware court refused to reform a contract with clear language, finding the argument of a scrivener's error unconvincing, according to K&L Gates.

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## Download: Designing an Information Governance Plan That Meets Your Ediscovery

# Needs

## *Insight*

The guide breaks down the five key components that information governance shares with ediscovery and explains why the quality of your ediscovery depends on the quality of information governance.

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**A GC Says She Was Told to Serve the Cake. She Complained, Then She Was Fired.**

## *News*

The former general counsel of ExlService Holdings says in a lawsuit that she suffered from gender stereotyping in her job, illustrated by an order from the CEO that she serve cake to the company's junior male employees at a company anniversary.

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**Trial to Begin Over Claims Army Corps Knew of Flooding**

# Risk in Wake of Hurricane

## *News*

An estimated 8,000 to 10,000 homes and businesses flooded near government-run dams to the west of Houston in 2017.

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# Boeing Appoints Legal Czar to Oversee Fallout From Fatal 737 MAX Crashes

## *News*

Statements indicate Boeing plans to take an aggressive stance in responding to civil allegations and any potential criminal accusations.

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# 'Frivolous' Claims Lead to 7-Figure Sanction for Lawyer and Client

## *News*

Judge Margaret Ann Brennan imposed sanctions totaling \$1,061,623 against Marshall Spiegel and his lawyer, John Xydakis, in a case involving a condominium association.

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# Texas Senate Honors Provost Umphrey Founder Walter Umphrey

## *News*

The Texas Senate adopted a resolution honoring firm founder and legal legend Walter Umphrey for his legal accomplishments and philanthropic service.

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# Akerman Adds Partner Ryan Beard in Austin

## *News*

Akerman LLP announced its expansion in Texas with the addition of Ryan Beard, a first-chair patent litigator.

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# Webinar: Former DOJ Compliance Expert on Decoding

# Regulations

*Webinar, May 15, 2019*

NAVEX Global will present a complimentary webinar, “Decoding Regulations: An Insider’s Guide,” on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 10 a.m. Pacific/ 1 p.m. Eastern time.

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## **Avoiding Commercial Lease Disputes – Clearly Reflecting the Intent of the Parties is Key**

*Insight*

Entering into a clearly drafted lease agreement at the outset of the relationship helps to set expectations, which minimizes the possibility of disputes over how the lease should be interpreted, according to Ward and Smith.

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## **Holland & Hart Adds Partner William Colgin and Associate Diana Myers**

*News*

Partner William Colgin and associate Diana Myers join Holland

& Hart further in the firm's Tax and Benefits Practice.

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## **Blank Rome Relocates New York Office to 1271 Avenue of the Americas**

### ***News***

Blank Rome LLP has completed the relocation of its New York office from the Chrysler Building to 1271 Avenue of the Americas.

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## **Kristal C. Thomson Earns 'Standing Ovation' Award by State Bar of Texas**

### ***News***

Langley & Banack, Inc. attorney Kristal C. Thomson was honored by the State Bar of Texas for her contributions in 2018 to the Bar's continuing legal education efforts.

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# **Littler Adds Melissa Peters in Workplace Safety & Health Practice**

## ***News***

Melissa K. Peters has joined Littler's Workplace Safety & Health Practice Group as special counsel in the Walnut Creek, Calif., office.

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# **Stroock Adds Employee Benefits Partner David Olstein**

## ***News***

David Olstein has joined Stroock's Employee Benefits, Executive Compensation and ERISA group as a partner.

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# **Foley Adds Bankruptcy Partner Paul Labov in New York**

## ***News***

Foley & Lardner announced that Paul Labov has joined the firm's Litigation Department and Bankruptcy & Business Reorganizations Practice Group.

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# Redgrave LLP Adds eDiscovery Partner Christine Payne

## *News*

Christine Payne has joined Redgrave LLP as a partner in Chicago.