Court Agrees General Counsel Was Fired for Whistle-Blowing; Upholds $8 Million Verdict

News

The 9th Circuit ruled that the former general cousnel had acted as a whistle-blower and was dismissed in retaliation for reporting conduct that he “reasonably believed” to be illegal.

Elon Musk Defiant As Judge Orders Him to Explain Tesla Tweets

News

Tesla’s internal system designed to have an in-house lawyer vet Elon Musk’s tweets didn’t work in this case because his social-media minder didn’t bless the Feb. 19 post.

Law Firm Sues Associate Who

Quit After 1 Year

News

Above the Law reports on a law firm's breach-of-contract lawsuit against an associate who wants to leave the firm.

Download: Contract Management Software Selection Guide

Insight

ContractWorks has published "The Contract Management Software Selection Guide" and made it available for downloading at no charge.

Michael Best Adds Litigator Victoria Lovato to Denver Office

News

Michael Best announced that Victoria Lovato has joined the firm's Litigation Practice Group as senior counsel in Denver.

Littler Adds Chris Gokturk in Northern Virginia

News

Chris Gokturk has joined Littler as a principal in its Tysons Corner, Va., office.

Sports Industry Executive Bobby Sharma Joins Foley

News

Bobby Sharma has joined Foley & Lardner LLP as special adviser to its Sports Industry Team, based in the New York office.

Peter Lando Named Co-Chair Of Licensing Executives Society's Boston Chapter

News

Peter C. Lando of Lando & Anastasi, LLP has been named co-chair of the Boston Chapter of the Licensing Executives Society.

UBS Lawyers Played Hardball With French Enforcers, Failed Spectacularly

News

The bank has been ordered to pay more than $5 billion in the tax-evasion case — matching what was sought by prosecutors.

Supreme Court Limits Police Powers to Seize Private Property

News

The court’s decision will open the door to new legal arguments when the value of the property seized was out of proportion to the crimes involved.

U.S. Supreme Court Asked to

Review Zero Emissions Credit Schemes

Insight

if the Supreme Court accepts the zero emission credits cases, it could clarify the scope of FERC's authority to preempt state policy goals that interfere with the operation of wholesale markets, according to Verrill Dana LLP.

Contracting to Avoid Tort-Based Punitive Damages Awards

Insight

Damages for breach of contract are normally constrained by common-law rules designed to compensate the non-breaching party for the nonperformance of the breaching party, rather than to punish the breaching party.

International Contracts and Why What You Think 'Can't Hurt' Usually Does Hurt

Insight

Dan Harris explains the potential drawbacks of using some standard boilerplate clauses in contracts outside common law

countries.

Turbulence on Breach of Employment Agreement, Trade Secret Misappropriation

Insight

The Fourth Circuit found that the ex-employee had not breached the non-compete clause because his role at his new employer was not sufficiently similar to constitute a breach.

The KonMari Method to Effective Law Firm Marketing

Insight

Legal marketers can take a cue from Japanese organizing consultant Marie Kondo, whose KonMari method essentially boils down to taking stock of everything you own and then eliminating whatever fails to bring you joy, writes Bruce Vincent of Muse Communications.

$43M Awarded to Intellectual Ventures I LLC in Patent Infringement Trial

News

The jury also determined T-Mobile and Ericsson failed to provide convincing evidence that Intellectual Ventures' claims involving the patents were invalid.

Federal Prosecutors Broke Law in Hedge Fund Manager's Plead Deal; Current Labor Secretary Led Them

News

The former prosecutor now serves as U.S. Labor Secretary. A White House spokeswoman said the administration is looking into the plea deal.

Firings and Lawsuits Follow

Discovery of Secret Bugging Devices at Law Firm; ‘Very John Grisham’

News

The discovery of hidden cameras, microphones and recording equipment in a Florida law firm has led to firings, lawsuits and the departure of a name partner, according to *The Palm Beach Post*.

Dallas Won’t Release Police Files on Slaying of Prominent Lawyer, Despite Judge’s Order

News

Ira Tobolowsky, 68, was found dead inside his burning garage at his North Dallas home in 2016, and the death was ruled a homicide.

Lawyer Told Prosecutor She ‘Doesn’t Know How To Act Like

A Young Lady,’ Ethics Complaint Says

News

According to the complaint, Clifford Woodards II challenged the prosecutor, Heather Washington over a plea deal for his client in a traffic case.