

# N.Y. Lawyer Gives Up License Over Commingled Client Funds

## *News*

Bloomberg Law reports that a New York lawyer who commingled his own funds with client funds in his personal bank account will no longer be practicing law.

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# What You Need to Know About Contract Management Software and Small Legal Teams

## *Insight*

ContractWorks has published a new guide: Contract Management Software for the Small Legal Team: Why It's Not Just for the Big Fish Anymore.

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# Four Decisions Conclude Claims Outside Scope of Arbitration Agreement

## *Insight*

Arbitration Nation discusses four recent decisions in which courts have found the parties' dispute over the scope of an

arbitration clause is not covered by their agreement.

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## **Electronically Signed Email Exchange May Constitute Enforceable Real Estate Contract**

### ***Insight***

If you don't want your emails to be binding contracts, don't sign them, or better yet, don't write them in the first place, warns a post in the Ohio Real Estate Law Blog of Kohrman, Jackson & Krantz.

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## **SDV Hires Kerianne Kane as Associate**

### ***News***

Kerianne Kane has joined Northeast office of Saxe Doernberger & Vita, P.C. (SDV) as an associate.

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# **E-Discovery Day Observance Set for December 4**

## ***News***

This one-day industry-wide, vendor-neutral celebration, will feature an all-star lineup of complimentary in-person events and online webcasts.

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# **Houston Appellate Lawyer J. Stephen Barrick Named Partner at Hicks Thomas**

## ***News***

Texas-based litigation boutique Hicks Thomas LLP announced that Houston appellate specialist and trial lawyer J. Stephen Barrick has been named a partner in the firm.

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# **Former Dewey CFO Released From Jail After His Current Firm Pays His \$1M Fine**

## ***News***

Joel Sanders was convicted for misleading lenders and bond buyers about the firm's finances before its 2012 collapse.

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# Legal Departments Sending Less Cash to Big Law, Survey Says

## *News*

Bloomberg Law is reporting that corporate law departments are spending more, but less of that that money is landing in Big Law coffers, according to a new survey.

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# Expropriation Ruling Explains Landowner's Burden to Prove Severance Damages to a 'Legal Certainty'

## *News*

A Louisiana appellate court has added to the relatively sparse body of appellate rulings in pipeline expropriation matters with an unpublished opinion affirming that landowners whose property is expropriated must prove their entitlement to severance damages to a "legal certainty."

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# Best Practices in Commercial Real Estate: Commitment Letter

## *Insight*

While a commitment letter in the real estate lending process fleshes out any issues or misunderstandings between the parties prior to the preparation of the ultimate loan documents, it is important to be aware of some potential pitfalls and issues that it can present.

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## Court Reconsiders and Reverses Earlier Ruling Finding That Contractual Consent Cannot Be Revoked

### *News*

TCPAland reports on a reversal of fortune: The Northern District of Alabama has officially been reconsidered and reversed itself on a contractual consent decision.

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# FisherBroyles Adds Health and Pharmacy Law Partner Beth Stephens in Atlanta

## *News*

Beth Stephens has joined FisherBroyles, LLP as a partner in the firm's Atlanta office and Health and Pharmacy Law practice group.

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# Veteran Litigator Kenneth Sachs joins Dykema

## *News*

Kenneth Sachs has joined Dykema's Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation practice, working from the firm's Bloomfield Hills office.

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# PG&E's Legal Exposure to Liability for Fires Could Cost Customers – Or Lead to

# Bankruptcy

## News

If Pacific Gas and Electric Company is found liable for the devastating California fires now burning, the company's customers could be on the hook to pay the bill, or even lead to a PG&E bankruptcy, according to *The New York Times*.

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## Facebook GC – Who Said He Was Leaving – Will Stay Because Facebook is Still in Crisis

## News

Facebook general counsel Colin Stretch, who announced in July that he was leaving the company at the end of the year, has changed his mind, reports Recode.

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## American Media Inc. Replaces Top Counsel Amid Federal Inquiry

## News

The publisher of *The National Enquirer* has appointed a new top lawyer after parting ways with Cameron Stracher, who had served for nearly 12 years as the company's general counsel,

media.

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## **Houston-Based Firm Wins Global and Regional Patent Litigation Honors**

### ***News***

Heim Payne & Chorush has secured three of the legal industry's most significant patent litigation honors, with recognition by Chambers USA, International Asset Management's IAM Patent 1000, and U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms.”

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## **Be Unique for Better Law Firm Marketing**

### ***Insight***

When your marketing efforts are met with obstacles based on time, money or other factors, one of the best and most-underutilized ways to make sure you are seen and heard is to be unique, advises Bruce Vincent of Muse Communications.

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# Non-Compete Cautionary Tale

## *Insight*

A recent post on Robinson+Cole's Manufacturing Law Blog discusses a recent court decision that underscores the need for manufacturers to exercise caution when seeking to impose post-employment restrictions on key employees.