Pipeline Companies Should Do More to Prepare for NTSB Accident Investigations

Insight

The National Transportation Safety Board is well known for its sleuthing on plane crashes. However, oil and gas executives often need better education about how the agency tackles one of its other responsibilities – investigating pipeline accidents, advise attorneys with the national law firm LeClairRyan.

Spotlight on No-Poach Agreements Continues, Expands to New Industries

Insight

Companies that engage in no-poach agreements should be prepared for governmental scrutiny as well as private litigation from former employees, warns Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

Ten Key Issues in Addressed Lease Agreements for Companies

Insight

An understanding of the unique features of equipment lease contracts should help a company work with its bank to structure and document a mutually acceptable lease agreement, according to a Steptoe & Johnson post.

Taking Your Legal Marketing into Your Own Hands

Insight

Amy Boardman Hunt of Muse Communications offers some advice for any attorney who is looking to take their marketing matters into their own hands.

Vexed by Budget Uncertainty? When – and How – to Use Fixed Fees

Insight

Lurking in every legal department budget is a giant

uncertainty: the outside counsel spend, warns a post on the website of Xakia.

K&L Gates Under Fire from Texas Company in Malpractice Suit

News

Bloomberg Law reports that K&L Gates LLP is facing a $100 million legal malpractice suit from a Texas semiconductor company, Quantum Materials Corp., over an alleged conflict of interest.

Former Foley & Lardner Partner Suspended for Falsifying Documents in IRS Audit of Wealthy Clients

News

A former Foley & Lardner partner was suspended two years by the state Supreme Court for lying to the IRS during an audit of two wealthy estates connected to a major area business, reports the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

Conservative Group Suspends Clerkship Boot Camp After Questions About Secrecy and Loyalty Pledges

News

Application materials told prospective clerks that “generous donors” were making “a significant financial investment in each and every attendee.”

Greensfelder Adds Five New Associates in St. Louis

News

Celine L. George, Kathleen M. Howard, Scott C. Johnston, Amy C. Moorkamp and Hunter B. Rouse have joined the St. Louis office of Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., as associates.

Hanzo Launches AI-Powered

Solution to Automate Social Media Investigations for Ediscovery

News

Hanzo announced the launch of Hanzo Investigator for eDiscovery, which the developer says can leverage artificial intelligence (AI) to automate the identification of social media profiles during ediscovery investigations.

ECVC2018: Ethics & Compliance Virtual Conference

Online Event, Nov. 8, 2018

NAVEX Global will present the 2018 Ethics & Compliance Virtual Conference as an online event Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018.

Enforcement Pressure Hit Ag, Livestock Operations

Insight

Small ag operations can be compliant with regulations before a historic flooding event and still face financial penalties that push family-owned businesses to the brink of bankruptcy or worse, says attorney Chris Carrington of Denver-based

Richards Carrington.

Barnes & Thornburg Welcomes New Attorneys

News

Barnes & Thornburg LLP has added new attorneys to its Chicago, Columbus, Grand Rapids, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, San Diego and Washington, D.C., offices.

Nov. 8 Live Event: General Counsel and Experts Share New Drivers of Diversity

Event, Nov. 8, 2018, Washington, DC

Bloomberg Law's 4th annual Talent and Diversity Forum brings together industry leaders to share insights on what can actually increase diversity in the legal industry.

Biglaw Firm Admits It Botched Handling of Sexual Assault Allegation Against a Partner

News

Above the Law reports that Baker McKenzie released a joint report last week that admits the way the firm handled the alleged sexual assault by a partner at the firm involved "a number of shortcomings … which we very much regret."

Florida Supreme Court Foils Governor's Plan to Pick New Justices

News

The Florida Supreme Court's ruling is a major rebuke to incumbent Gov. Rick Scott, who wanted to pick the new justices before he leaves office.

Firms Cite 1851 Law in Fatal Missouri Duck Boat Accident,

Seek Mediation

News

The companies' petition states that under the federal law, they would not owe any damages because the boat carried no freight and was a total loss.

Sidley Adds Life Sciences Licensing Partner Tom Duley in San Francisco

News

Sidley Austin LLP announced that Tom Duley has joined the firm as a partner in its global Life Sciences practice.

Dallas Firm Named Tops in U.S. Law for Business Disputes

News

Dallas business trial law firm Loewinsohn Flegle Deary Simon won the No. 1 spot for the Elite Trial Lawyers award, based on research by *VerdictSearch*, *The National Law Journal* and Law.com.

Backdating—When is it Appropriate?

Insight

Backdating legal documents is frequently permissible. However, under other circumstances, it can be fraudulent or illegal, warns Elizabeth A. Whitman in a post on the website of Whitman Legal Solutions LLC.