

# One of North Texas' Largest Women-Owned Law Firms Celebrates 10th Anniversary

## *News*

Award-winning Estes Thorne & Carr PLLC is celebrating its 10th year as one of the largest women-owned law firms in North Texas.

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# DOJ Says Ruling on AT&T-Time Warner Ignored 'Economics and Common Sense'

## *News*

In its filing, the DOJ called the district court's decision a "deeply flawed assessment of the government's evidence."

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# Securities Lawyers Shocked By Elon Musk's Tweet, Point to Potential Legal Minefield

## *News*

Securities lawyers said Telsa's board would have to form a

committee to explore a take-private or risk being accused of skirting their duty, reports CNBC.

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## **Why Do Experienced Female Lawyers Leave? Disrespect, Social Constraints, ABA Survey Says**

### ***News***

The ABA survey found that 54 percent of women in big law firms said they were responsible for arranging child care, as opposed to 1 percent of men.

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## **How Fair – or Legal – are Non-poaching Agreements?**

### ***Insight***

Franchisors have these agreements with their franchisees in order to prevent employees from leaving one franchise to join another within the same chain.

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# Hall Estill Represents OIEC in Historic Rate Reduction for OG&E Customers

## *News*

Hall Estill represented Oklahoma Industrial Energy Consumers, an association of large power users in Oklahoma, as an intervenor in Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co.'s application for Corporation Commission approval of a rate hike.

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# Buchalter Welcomes Two Shareholders in Los Angeles

## *News*

Peter V. Hogan and Dennis E. Raglin have joined Buchalter as shareholders in the Los Angeles office.

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# Four Labor and Employment Join Roetzel in Cleveland and Columbus

## *News*

Nancy A. Noall, Morris L. Hawk and Deirdre G. Henry join the Cleveland office of Roetzel & Andress LPA and Doug R. Unver

joins the firm's Columbus office, all as senior labor and employment attorneys.

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## **Blockchain and FinTech Lawyer Lilya Tessler Joins Sidley as Partner in New York**

### **News**

Lilya Tessler has joined Sidley Austin LLP as partner and New York head of Blockchain and FinTech in the Securities & Derivatives Enforcement and Regulatory group.

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## **Class of 2017 Notched Best JD Employment Outcomes Since Recession**

### **News**

The size of the 2017 graduating class was smaller, with just 34,922 graduates entering the job market compared to the historically large Class of 2013 that produced 46,776 job seekers, reports the National Association of Law Placement.

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# Why Big Law Firms Care About Which Law School You Attend

## *News*

Biglaw jobs are enticing to many young attorneys, partly because of the six-figure salaries commonly paid to first-year associates at large law firms.

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# Health Care Fraud: How a Strike Force is Selected for a City

## *News*

According to the Department of Justice, a Medicare Fraud Strike Force consists of a partnership between the DOJ and Department of Health and Human Services to prevent fraud and enforce anti-fraud laws.

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# Top 10 Mistakes When Drafting Non-Competes in the Oil Patch

## *Podcast*

Bruce “Chip” Morris of Kane Russell Coleman Logan has posted a new podcast in the firm’s Energy Law Today blog about the top 10 mistakes employers can make—in the oilfield, and

beyond—when drafting non-compete agreements.

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## **When Your Contract Includes an Arbitration Clause: Who Decides the Arbitrability of the Dispute?**

### ***Insight***

Parties wishing to ensure resolution of “gateway” questions of arbitrability by a specific decision-maker—whether the court or arbitrator—should spell out their preference as clearly as possible in the arbitration clause, according to Williams Mullen.

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## **The General Counsel Bringing Home the Big Bucks**

### ***News***

Eric Grossman of Morgan Stanley tops the list with compensation last year of nearly \$7 million.

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# Probate Judge Largely Wipes Out Widow's Big Verdict Against JPMorgan

## *News*

The jury award was the highest in the U.S. for 2017, according to Bloomberg, but the judgment was reduced to \$7.1 million, mostly in lawyers' fees.

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# 'Stupid, Dumb and Fat' Comments Get Cleveland Lawyer Suspended

## *News*

A Cleveland lawyer who has already paid a \$300,000 settlement to his former paralegal for insulting her has now been suspended from the practice of law for six months.

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# Invention                      Assignment Agreements   –   How to Avoid

# Pitfalls

## *Insight*

Agreements should also be drafted to encompass the widest range of intellectual property possible, advises Jeffrey A. Simmons of Foley & Lardner.

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## Requiring Buyers to Buy Service Contracts? Read This.

## *Insight*

When a dealer requires a service contract in financing transactions, but not in similar cash transactions, the charge for the service contract must be treated as a finance charge, according to a Hudson Cook post.

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## Annual Security Report Preparation: 10 Questions to Ensure Compliance

## *Insight*

Preparing your institution's Annual Security Report (ASR) is critical in demonstrating your school's compliance with the Clery Act, says Canopy Programs by United Educators.