Merck’s Patent Loss a Cautionary Tale for In-House Attorneys

News

Merck & Co.’s loss of a $200 million jury verdict for patent infringement shows that companies with internal prosecution staff need to observe strict rules for external communications, according to Bloomberg Law.

Ruling on Union Pensions Could Affect Hundreds of Companies

News

The case arose when Just Born announced three years ago that it would no longer enroll new employees in the multi-employer pension it had participated in for decades and would instead divert money into a 401(k) plan for those workers.

DLA Piper Advises Bregal

Sagemount in Sale of Remote DBA Experts

News

DLA Piper represented Bregal Sagemount in the sale of its portfolio company Remote DBA Experts, LLC, a leading provider of remote database administration and cloud-managed services, to Madison Dearborn Partners, a Chicago-based private equity firm.

Survey Shows In-House Counsel Concerned About Litigation, Brand Equity, Data Security

Insight

Morrison & Foerster–commissioned survey reveals drivers affecting consumer products businesses, an evolving risk environment, and litigation trends in 2018

Ex-Biglaw Partner Said He Shot His Wife By Accident –

Jurors Didn’t Buy It

News

It’s unclear whether the jurors who leaned toward involuntary manslaughter knew they were accepting a deal that would likely send McIver away until death,” the *Journal-Constitution* reports.

Patent ‘Death Squad’ System Upheld by U.S. Supreme Court

News

The 7-2 court found that a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office review board that critics call a patent “death squad” wasn’t unconstitutionally wielding powers that belong to the courts.

Microsoft Names First General Counsel in Two Years

News

Dev Stahlkopf, most recently deputy general counsel in the company’s HR legal team, will fill the post that has been vacant for two years.

Is the DNC’s Lawsuit against Russia DOA?

News

Dallas attorney David Coale of Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst says the lawsuit has a lot of interesting points, but doesn’t think it will survive long-term judicial scrutiny.

Dallas Attorney Rogge Dunn Launches New Firm

News

Dallas attorney Rogge Dunn has established a new firm, the Rogge Dunn Group, PC, which includes partners Gregory Clift, Bryan Collins, Josh Iacuone and Brian Shaw, and attorneys David Gross and John Lynch.

Barnes & Thornburg Adds Intellectual Property

Litigator in Atlanta

News

Barnes & Thornburg LLP has added David Kelly as a partner in the Intellectual Property Department in the firm's Atlanta office.

Buchalter Welcomes New Attorneys in Seattle

News

Buchalter announces that Jeffrey G. Frank has joined the firm as managing shareholder of the new office, and Bradley P. Thoreson, and Doug Prince have both joined as shareholders.

Hillary Frommer of Farrell Fritz Appointed to New York County Lawyers Committee

News

Hillary Frommer of New York City has recently been appointed co-chair of the New York County Lawyers Association's Estates, Trusts and Surrogate's Court Practice Committee.

Littler and ComplianceHR Launch PAID Forward Solution for Wage and Hour Compliance

News

Employment and labor law practice Littler and ComplianceHR, a joint venture of Littler and Neota Logic, announced the launch of PAID Forward.

FisherBroyles Adds Five New Partners in IP Group

News

Cloud-based distributed law firm partnership FisherBroyles LLP announced that five lawyers have joined the firm as partners and members of the Patent Prosecution team.

Michael Best Hires Labor & Employment Partner to Join

Milwaukee Office

News

Jennifer L. Ciralsky has joined Michael Best in its Milwaukee office as a partner in the firm’s Labor & Employment Relations Practice Group.

Hogan Lovells Adds Three Partners in Bankruptcy And Restructuring Practice

News

Hogan Lovells announced that bankruptcy lawyers Richard Wynne, Bennett Spiegel, and Erin Brady have joined the firm’s Business Restructuring and Insolvency (BRI) practice as partners in Los Angeles. Wynne will serve as co-head of the U.S. BRI practice.

With Its 2018 Tax Cut, Wells Fargo Could Pay Its $1 Billion Fine 3 Times and

Still Have Cash to Spare

News

The Washington Post reports that the tax cut is expected to boost Wells Fargo's profits by $3.7 billion, according to a Goldman Sachs report.

Term Royalty Interests Survive the Rule Against Perpetuities in Texas

News

The rule provides "that no interest within its scope is good unless it must vest, if at all, not later than twenty-one years after some life in being at the creation of the interest."

What to Do When You're in the Sexual Harassment Hot Seat

Webinar, May 2, 2018, 1 p.m. CDT

The #MeToo movement has many employers uncertain about the best ways to protect themselves from sexual harassment complaints and the right way to respond after a complaint has been made.

Could Be Forced to Pay Billions Over Alleged Violations of Illinois Biometrics Law

News

Facebook has argued that if its collection of biometric information did not harm individuals, they do not have grounds to sue under Illinois' biometrics law, according to the *Chicago Tribune*.