Deal-Making Duo and Patent Litigator Join Barnes & Thornburg in Chicago

News

Two attorneys with experience helping biotech and other companies finance their operations and a patent litigator with a focus on Asian businesses have joined Barnes & Thornburg LLP in its Chicago office.

Littler Adds Shareholder Bradley Schwan in Los Angeles and Orange County

News

Littler has added Bradley E. Schwan as a shareholder in the Los Angeles and Orange County offices.

Health Care Lawyer Joins Foley in Los Angeles

News

Foley & Lardner LLP announced that Eric Cheung has joined the firm’s Health Care practice as of counsel in the Los Angeles

office.

New Partner Matthew S. Parrish Joins FisherBroyles in Cincinnati Office

News

Matthew S. Parrish joins FisherBroyles as a partner in the firm’s Cincinnati office. He advises consumer products, advanced manufacturing and technology industry clients, among others, on merger and acquisition, debt and equity financing, and a broader range of corporate issues, the firm said.

How Solid Are Your Harassment Training Programs?

Insight

Employers are finding that generic harassment policies with one-size-fits-all instructional videos are not addressing key issues, says Audrey Mross, employment partner at Munck Wilson Mandala.

NACD Governance Outlook: Projections on Emerging Board Matters

Insight

The NACD has published its 2018 Governance Outlook, providing perspective on the trends, issues, and risks that will command the board’s attention this year.

Memo to Law Firms: Raise Cybersecurity Bar or Risk Client Losses

News

Cybersecurity protections are becoming a serious factor in client decision-making at law firms, and large firms stand to lose business if they don’t take care of cybersecurity.

Landman Contract Defeated by the Statute of Frauds

Insight

Gray Reed & McGraw’s Energy & the Law blog describes a contract case in which an oil and gas landman found out that

the contract he signed with a purported agent for a client was unenforceable.

Long-Running Construction Defect Fight in Texas Ends With Defense Win

News

A decade-long construction defect battle involving a South Padre Island, Texas, luxury condominium complex damaged during Hurricane Dolly has been resolved in a take-nothing defense win secured by attorneys of the West Mermis law firm for the general contractor.

Cryptocurrency Tax Webinar Covers New IRS Scrutiny on Reporting

Insight

As cryptocurrency has received attention from mainstream media, some investors and traders have made huge profits and some are now experiencing large losses.

Accepting a Pardon From Trump Could Add Booster Rockets to State Prosecutions

News

In a landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1915, justices stated that individuals have a right to refuse a pardon because “acceptance” of one carries with it a “confession of guilt.”

States to Forego Most of $650M Legal Settlement With Takata

News

Attorneys general for the states alleged that Takata concealed air bag safety issues and failed to disclose safety defects.

Ponzi-Scheming Company’s GC

(and Texas State Senator) Guilty on 11 Charges

News

Prosecutors said the state senator used his prestige to lend credibility to the company for which he served as general counsel.

4th Annual Federal Judges Survey – Full Report Released

Insight

The Exterro report is a compilation and analysis of the responses of 30 judges to questions about attorney and judicial e-discovery proficiency, recommendations for improvements, and their thoughts on how legal teams are using new e-discovery rules.

Do Architects and Engineers Owe a Legal Duty to Non-Contracting Parties?

Insight

A appellate opinion provides some guidance with respect to the architect’s and engineer’s common law duty when processing pay

applications, according to Clark Hill PLC.

How Blockchain Technology Is Transforming the Legal Industry

Insight

A Bloomberg Law discusses the increased efficiency and uniformity blockchain can provide in contracting, its used in other legal documents, the skills and role of lawyers in blockchain, and the challenges ahead for the technology.

Detours on the Way to Your Contractually Selected Forum

Insight

Global Private Equity Watch finds some good news for the careful transactional lawyer who drafts a bespoke forum clause in a contract.

Claim of Fraudulent Inducement of a Construction Contract Does Not Invalidate Arbitration Clause

Insight

Pepper Hamilton LLP's Constructlaw blog discusses an Ohio case in which a plaintiff sued a building company and attempted to have the arbitration clause in a construction contract declared unenforceable.

BigLaw Business Development Secrets for Small Firms

Insight

The Director of Business Development at Andrews Kurth Kenyon offers some detailed advice on making relationships work and discusses some approaches to help develop new business.

Gruber Hail Johansen Shank Partners Start New Firm

News

Dallas trial law firm Gruber Hail Johansen Shank LLP has

announced that three of its law firm partners are leaving to start their own firm.