

# Tax Reform Impact On Energy? Short Answer: MLPs Are Fine

## *Insight*

Baker Botts partner Mike Bresson told listeners at the beginning of the law firm's recent webinar that "Master limited partnerships [MLPs] did just fine on tax reform."

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## Former Illinois Commerce Commissioner Joins Quarles & Brady

### *News*

Sherina Maye Edwards has joined Quarles & Brady's Chicago office as a partner in its Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Practice Group.

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## Baker McKenzie Elects New Partners, Counsel and Directors of Economics

### *News*

Baker McKenzie has elected 20 new partners in North America. The firm also elected five attorneys to Counsel, as well as

three individuals to Director of Economics.

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## **Daniel Bernard and Viktoriya Kruglyak Join Farrell Fritz's Uniondale Office**

### ***News***

Daniel R. Bernard and Viktoriya Kruglyak have joined Farrell Fritz in its Uniondale, NY, office as associates.

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## **Contract Management: From Business Controller to Business Enabler**

### ***Podcast***

Tim Cummins, President & CEO of the International Association for Contract & Commercial Management, discusses the ongoing evolution of commercial contract management in a podcast posted by Determine Inc.

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# When Smart Contracts are Outsmarted: The Parity Wallet “Freeze” and Software Liability in the Internet of Value

## *Insight*

The recent Parity wallet “freeze” provides an example of a coding vulnerability in a smart contract resulting in an exploit that compromises cryptocurrency worth millions, according to Proskauer Rose LLP.

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# The Eighth Circuit Raises the Bar for Would-Be Indemnitees

## *Insight*

A federal appellate court has issued an order dealing with indemnification for prior settlements, and it could have a hugely beneficial impact on potential indemnitors, including sellers of mortgage loans as well as insurers, reports Bilzin Sumberg.

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# Is Your Service Contract Protecting Your Company? 9 Essential Clauses that Limit Fallout Damage

## *News*

Having a good service contract that is tailored to the particular situation can be one of the best decisions that a company can make," writes Gabriela Smith for Nearshore Americas.

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# Study: Companies Want Smaller Firms, But Have Trouble Finding Them

## *News*

Large companies increasingly want to work with smaller, more innovative law firms but have trouble finding them due to over-reliance on personal connections, according to a new survey reported by Courthouse News Service.

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# Trump Appointing Judges at Rapid Pace

## **News**

A data analysis by the *Los Angeles Times* has found that President Trump is ranked sixth of 19 presidents for appointing the highest number of federal judges in their first year.

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# In-House Counsel Disbarred For Videotaping Women In Office Bathroom

## **News**

James Patrick Stanton, formerly in-house lawyer with a Florida maintenance company, was alleged to have videotaped women showering, using the toilet and changing clothes in restrooms, reports the *Tampa Bay Times*.

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# Houston Firm is Now Wright Close & Barger With New Name

# Partner

## *News*

Appellate and civil litigation law firm Wright & Close LLP has changed its name to Wright Close & Barger LLP, adding the name of partner Jessica Zavadil Barger.

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## **Appellate Court Tosses \$2.9M Judgment in Breach of Contract Case**

## *News*

The Texas 4th Court of Appeals in San Antonio found that the former lawyer retained by the two energy companies filed an agreement in a breach of contract lawsuit without signing it, and failed to keep the companies apprised of court events.

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## **Fundamentals of Software Audit Data Collection – Hardware Inventory**

## *Insight*

In order to effectively manage their software usage and to mitigate compliance exposure, companies need to know how to gather and analyze information regarding their product usage,

writes Christopher Barnett of Scott & Scott LLP.

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## **Akerman Adds Team of IP and Commercial Litigation Partners**

### ***News***

Akerman LLP has added intellectual property partner Caroline Mankey and commercial litigation partner Kanika Corley in the firm's Los Angeles office.

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## **Litigation Shareholder Steven D. Di Saia Joins Buchalter in Los Angeles**

### ***News***

Shareholder Steven D. Di Saia has joined Buchalter as a member of the Litigation and Products Liability Practice Groups in the Los Angeles office.

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# Global Finance Partner Andrew Cardonick Joins Sidley in Chicago

## *News*

Andrew Cardonick has joined Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago as a partner in its Global Finance practice.

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# Regulatory Whirlwind 2018: What's Ahead for Third-Party Risk Management?

## *Webinar, Jan. 25, 1 p.m. EST*

NAVEX Global will present a complimentary webinar on recent and anticipated enforcement and regulatory changes as they concern third-party risk.

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# Biglaw Firm Hit With \$300 Million Gender Discrimination Lawsuit

## *News*

Ogletree, Deakins nonequity shareholder Dawn Knepper has hit

her employer with a \$300 million purported class-action suit alleging gender discrimination and unequal pay, reports Above theLaw.

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## **Suit By 22 State Attorneys General Seeks to Block FCC's Net Neutrality Repeal**

### **News**

The AGs' complaint argues that the vote last month by the Republican-controlled FCC was an "arbitrary and capricious" change to regulations, according to *The Los Angeles Times*<