

# Companies Have Up to a Year for New U.S. Tax Bill Reporting: SEC

## *News*

The \$1.5 trillion tax bill will significantly affect many companies' year-end financial statements, according to Reuters.

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# The Net Neutrality Lawsuits Are Coming. Here's What They're Likely to Say.

## *News*

Consumer groups and some state attorneys general have vowed to sue the FCC to overturn its net neutrality decision, writes Brian Fung in an article for *The Washington Post*.

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# Lawyer Recounts His DWI Arrest, and Offers Some

# Advice

## *Insight*

In a post on Above the Law, former lawyer Brian Cuban describes the humiliation he felt when he was hauled to a Dallas jail and the slide into addiction that changed his life and cost him his career.

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# FBI's Top Lawyer Said to Be Reassigned

## *News*

The FBI's top lawyer, James Baker, is being reassigned – one of the first moves by new director Christopher A. Wray to assemble his own team of senior advisers, reports *The Washington Post*.

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# Free eBook: The In-House Counsel's Guide to Change Management

## *Insight*

The LawGeex book dozens of interviews and real-life experiences from a host of industry leaders, including Pearson, Telstra, Avis Budget Group, NetApp, L'Oreal,

Microsoft, Cisco, Google and many more.

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# From Virtual Reality to Harvey: Texas' Top Legal Stories of 2017

## *Insight*

Androvett Legal Media & Marketing has compiled its list of the Top 10 Texas legal news stories for the sixth consecutive year.

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# Dallas Bankruptcy Attorney Michelle Larson Joins Carrington Coleman

## *News*

Bankruptcy attorney Michelle Vonsenden Larson has joined the Dallas office of Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP, as an insolvency and reorganization practice partner.

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# Two New Partners Join Freeborn in Firm's Labor and Employment Practice

## *News*

Freeborn & Peters LLP announced that attorneys James "Jim" F. Hendricks Jr. and Michael P. MacHarg have joined the firm as partners in its Litigation Practice Group.

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# 2018 Top 10 Ethics & Compliance Predictions & Recommendations

## *Insight*

NAVEX Global has compiled an e-book that presents predictions about the top trends and events that will impact ethics and compliance programs in 2018 – along with recommendations for compliance.

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# Whistleblowers' Lawsuit Leads to Massive Medical Fraud

# Settlement

## News

The payments cap off longstanding allegations of a vast medical-fraud conspiracy between a major hospital chain and the physicians groups that bilked federal and state healthcare programs, reports *The Charlotte Observer*.

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# Labor Board Burns Through Obama-Era Rules

## News

In recent days, the independent board tasked with enforcing fair labor practices and collective bargaining rights overruled three Obama-era rules in a series of 3-2 rulings, *The Hill* reports.

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# Unsealed Court Docs: Flamboyant Lawyer's Alleged Death Threats, 'La Cosa Nostra' Connections

## News

The FBI arrested the Staten Island lawyer on a slew of charges, including kidnapping, kidnapping conspiracy, money

laundering, brandishing a firearm to commit a crime, aggravated identity theft and extortion conspiracy.

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## **Citi Analysts Predict Law Firm Consolidation in 2018**

### ***News***

In a 2018 client advisory released in conjunction with Hildebrandt Consulting, Citi analysts said they expect modest growth in law firm revenues and profits-per-equity partner, reports Bloomberg Big Law Business.

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## **Use Your Calendar for Legal Marketing Success in 2018**

### ***Insight***

With a new year starting soon, now is a good time to consider the legal marketing opportunities through 2018, advises Bruce Vincent of Muse Communications.

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# Software License Checklist for Licensees: 20 Issues to Consider

## *Insight*

When entering into licenses for commercially available, off-the-shelf software products, it is common to use the “vendor’s paper” for contracting, according to a post on Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP’s Tech & Sourcing blog.

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# Noble, CNX Settle Legal Dispute With Marcellus Midstream Sale

## *News*

Noble Energy Inc. reached an agreement on Dec. 15 with CNX Resources Corp. to sell its Marcellus midstream assets, quickly resolving a lingering legal dispute between the two companies, reports Oil & Gas Investor.

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# Trump Judicial Nominee

# Struggles to Answer Basic Legal Questions at Hearing

## *News*

Matthew Spencer Petersen, who is up for a seat on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, had to acquiesce on many occasions that his “background was not in litigation,” CNN reports.

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# Alabama Senate Loss Will Rein in Trump's Judicial Selections

## *Insight*

With the Republicans Senate majority reduced to one, the opposition of two senators would leave Republicans without a majority to confirm judges, writes Jonathan R. Nash in The Hill.

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# 9th Circuit Judge in SF Under Investigation Over Sexual

# Misconduct Allegations

## *News*

A judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco is under a formal misconduct inquiry after several of his clerks accused him of inappropriate behavior, according to a report in SFGATE.

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# Third-Party Risk Management: Aligning Supplier Onboarding to Contract Onboarding

## *On-Demand*

An on-demand webinar on Determine Inc.'s website discusses best practices for initiating third-party risk efforts by improving the integration of supplier onboarding and contract management.