Alternative Fee Arrangements With Outside Firms Level Off

News

The inherent unpredictability of many types of dispute could be placing a ceiling on the proportion of matters where both parties feel confident operating under an AFA, according to the 2017 Litigation Trends Annual Survey.

Silicon Valley Software Startup, Ex-CEO Fined Nearly $1M

News

Zenefits will pay a $430,000 penalty and the co-founder/former chief executive has been fined more than $533,000, Reuters reports.

Why Roy Moore's Law-School Professor Nicknamed Him 'Fruit Salad'

News

Former law school classmates and professors of Roy Moore – the

candidate likely to become the next U.S. senator from Alabama – shared stories with *The New Yorker* about the student who one professor nicknamed “Fruit Salad.”

VMware Licensing: Common Questions about Licensing Rules and Restrictions, Part II

Insight

Keli Johnson Swan of Scott & Scott LLP provides and discusses a list that includes several common questions and concerns related to licensing VMware.

When it Comes to Business Development, Have a Plan, Start Small

Insight

For those lawyers who are intimidated by the prospect of marketing themselves, Amy Boardman Hunt of Muse Communications offers some advice: Have a plan, and start small.

Winston & Strawn Lawyer Collaborates With Judge to Write Jury Trial Reference

News

The University of North Texas Press is releasing a lawyers' guide to courtroom preparation and strategy titled "On the Jury Trial: Principles and Practices for Effective Advocacy."

Billing Guideline Enforcement Vital, Says Thomson Reuters Legal Tracker LDO Index

Insight

The Thomson Reuters Legal Tracker LDO Index is a new semiannual report based on anonymized data from over 1,100 legal departments. In addition, the report separately surveyed 155 legal departments on their use of cost controls.

Invitation: 2017 Ethics and Compliance Virtual Conference

Event, Nov. 9, 2017

More than 4,000 legal, audit and compliance professionals are expected for the 2017 Ethics & Compliance Virtual Conference, a free, virtual conference that can be access online.

Environmental Attorney Dorothy Watson Returns to Foley in Orlando

News

Foley & Lardner LLP announced that Dorothy Watson has rejoined the firm’s Environmental Regulation practice as of counsel in the Orlando office.

Sidley to Add Energy Capital Markets, M&A Team in Houston, Washington, D.C.

News

Sidley Austin LLP announced that it will add a team of five partners to its Capital Markets and M&A practices, four in the

Houston office and the other dividing his time between Houston and Washington, D.C.

U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform Names IADC as 2017 Outstanding Alliance Award Winner

News

The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) was recognized by the Institute for Legal Reform for the IADC's work on legal reform issues.

Ian Forbes joins DLA Piper's Washington, DC office

News

Ian Forbes has joined DLA Piper's telecommunications practice as an associate in the Washington, DC office.

Senate Kills Rule On Class-Action Suits Against Financial Companies

News

Vice President Pence cast the tie-breaking vote to rollback the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule banning restrictive mandatory arbitration clauses found in the fine print of credit card and checking account agreements.

Dismissal of $472 Million Verdict v. J&J is Disaster for Talc Plaintiffs

News

A ruling that throws out a plaintiff's $417 million jury verdict against John & Johnson will affect many of the nearly 5,000 women who claim they developed ovarian cancer from J&J power containing talc, reports Reuters.

Fired Associate Takes Plea

Deal In Biglaw Extortion Charge

News

Above the Law reports that Michael Potere accepted the deal that included dismissal of an underlying indictments that included a charge of extortion. That charge carried a possible sentence of up to 20 years in prison.

Webinar on Improving Legal and Contract Collaboration, Featuring Forrester

Event, Nov. 2, 2017, 11 a.m. ET

Optimus BT will present a free webinar providing a comprehensive overview of Legal Contract Collaboration by Optimus and Forrester for the Microsoft Cloud.

Texas Supreme Court Examines $48,000 An Hour Legal Fee in H.L. Hunt Case

News

Attorney Gregory Shamoun claims to have made a 50 percent

contingency agreement with Albert Hill Jr. to settle the high-dollar family fight – an agreement that Hill Jr. is challenging, reports the *Houston Chronicle*.

The Coal Ash Rule: Regulation, Litigation, and Strategies to Minimize Risk

Event, Dec. 13, 2017

Steptoe & Johnson's Energy and Environmental, Products & Mass Tort Groups will host a webinar to discuss the implementation of the Coal Ash Rule, the current litigation landscape surrounding coal ash, and strategies for avoiding courtroom and regulatory challenges.

Supreme Court Leaves Holes in Anti-Hacking Law

News

The U.S. Supreme Court declined last week to consider two cases concerning the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA), leaving certain questions unresolved regarding liability for computer hacking and the prospect for potentially harsh criminal and civil penalties.

Microsoft SPLA Self-Assessment – What It Is, and How to Respond

Insight

Christopher Barnett of Scott & Scott LLP writes that many of his clients have been contacting his firm in recent weeks regarding notices they received from Microsoft requesting an internal self-assessment of their license positions under their Services Provider License Agreements.