Trump’s Real Personnel Victory: More Conservative Judges

News

While the public watches President Trump churn through White House staff members, his Administration is humming along nicely in filling federal judgeships, with the enthusiastic assistance of the Republican majority in the Senate, points out Jeffrey Toobin in *The New Yorker*.

Could State Subsidies for Renewable Energy Face Legal Challenges?

Insight

The latest developments in federal courts indicate that state subsidies for renewable energy, including renewable-energy portfolio standards and mandated procurement programs, are safe from challenges, at least for now, according to an O’Melveny & Myers article.

Making Sure Your At-Will Employees Remain At-Will

Insight

Employers must ensure that their supervisors do not unwittingly modify the at-will relationship with employees, warns Pullman & Comley.

Work for Us – Or Else: The Rise of Noncompete Contracts

Insight

Some companies have taken the idea of demanding loyalty through noncompetition agreements a bit too far, writes Alan Greenblatt in *Governing*.

Avoiding Accidental Contracts By Email: A Tech-Centric Point of View

Insight

The speed and informality of email can lead to the inadvertent use of contract-forming language, resulting in unintended binding agreements, warns Jason A. Levine, a partner in Vinson & Elkins.

How to Manage Non-Disclosure Agreements

Insight

Aliya Ramji, director of legal and business strategy for Figure 1 Inc., responds in ACC Docket to a question from a corporate lawyer who asks about the most important parts of a non-disclosure agreements.

Making the Most of Top Lawyer Lists

Insight

The glut of top lawyer lists and top law firm rankings makes it difficult to determine which of them mean anything at all, writes Bruce Vincent of Muse Communications.

Newlyweds Ordered to Pay Photographer More Than $1M In

Damages

News

Do words matter? A Dallas County jury recently ruled – to the tune of $1 million – that they do, according to a post by Androvett Legal Media & Marketing.

Littler Adds Renowned Global Employment Lawyer

News

Employment and labor law firm Littler has added Donald C. Dowling Jr. as a shareholder in the New York office.

Bailey Brauer Ranked Among Top Firms in U.S. for Client Relationships

News

Dallas-based litigation boutique Bailey Brauer PLLC has been selected to BTI Consulting Group's 2017 ranking of the top 10 law firms in the country with the best client relationships within the consumer goods industry.

DLA Piper Adds Gislar Donnenberg to Corporate Practice in Houston

News

Donnenberg focuses his practice largely on capital markets matters in the energy sector, where he has more than 20 years of experience.

Greensfelder Expands IP Practice, Adds Four Attorneys in St. Louis, Chicago Offices

News

Mark E. Stallion, Susan Meyer, Richard C. Himelhoch and Joseph A. Fuchs join Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., as members of the firm’s Intellectual Property Practice Group, expanding the teams in the firm’s Chicago and St. Louis offices.

Kristal C. Thomson Named to Texas Board of Legal Specialization Governing Board

News

Kristal C. Thomson, a shareholder in Langley & Banack Inc., has been appointed to the Texas Board of Legal Specialization Governing Board by the President of the State Bar of Texas, G. Thomas Vick Jr.

Family of Brothers Electrocuted in Fort Worth Park File Suit Against Oncor

News

The family of two young brothers electrocuted by a downed Oncor power line in a Fort Worth park have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the electric utility company.

Download: Guide to Conducting

Internal Investigations

Insight

Clutch Group has published a new book, Guide to Conducting Internal Investigations, with parts 1 and 2 are available now for complimentary download.

McKool Smith Secures $9.4 Million Verdict for Quincy Jones Against Michael Jackson Estate

News

The $9.4 million jury verdict was on behalf of legendary music producer Quincy Jones against the late music icon Michael Jackson’s production company, MJJ Productions Inc., in a breach of contract and royalty dispute.

Top Biglaw Firm Offers Signing Bonuses to Summer Associates

News

Above the Law reports that Andrews Kurth has offered a $3,500

bonus to their outgoing 1L summer associates if they accept their offers to return to the firm for their 2L summers within two weeks.

He Forged Signatures of Judges Over 100 Times. Now This Lawyer Is Going to Jail

News

Disgraced South Florida lawyer Jose Camacho – suspected of forging more than 100 judicial signatures on financial settlement cases – was sentenced Thursday to 364 days in jail, plus 10 years of probation, reports the *Miami Herald*.

PwC to Pay $1 Mln to Settle Merrill Lynch Audit Complaint

News

Reuters is reporting that accounting company PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will pay $1 million to settle a civil complaint alleging it conducted a flawed audit into Merrill Lynch's compliance with federal brokerage customer protection rules.

In Texas, Guns and Alcohol Can Be OK – If People Aren’t Drunk

News

A Texas appellate court ruled that when people are drinking, but not obviously intoxicated, it can’t be assumed that a serious injury will happen just because there’s a gun around.