Akerman Labor & Employment Partners in New York, Denver, Miami, and DC

News

Akerman LLP has expanded its Labor & Employment Practice Group with partners Angela Hart-Edwards in Washington, D.C., Colin Barnacle in Denver, Denise Gavica Perez in Miami and Rory McEvoy in New York.

The Biglaw Firms That General Counsel Absolutely Adore

News

An Above the Law review of a BTI Power Rankings report reports that only 33 percent of general counsel find themselves in a state of “clientopia” with their go-to law firms.

New Jersey GC Sentenced to Prison in $2.4M Timeshare Scam

News

The Philadelphia Business Journal is reporting that the former

general counsel of an New Jersey timeshare consulting service was sentenced to a year in prison for conspiring to obstruct justice, according to *The Philadelphia Business Journal*.

Republicans Introduce Bills to Scrap New Bank Arbitration Rule

News

The new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule would ban banks and other financial institutions from forcing arbitration clauses on customers to prevent them from bringing or joining class-action suits, reports *The Los Angeles Times*.

Workplace Plaintiffs Face Long Odds at Trial, Analytics Data Indicates

News

The ABA Journal reports that only 1 percent of plaintiffs who file federal job discrimination, harassment and retaliation claims win on the merits at trial, according to an analysis by the Lex Machina legal analytics firm.

After N.F.L. Concussion Settlement, Feeding Frenzy of Lawyers and Lender

News

Some of the ex-players with severe neurological disorders are cognitively impaired and may not understand the terms used by the lawyers who make the pitches, reports *The New York Times*.

Why This Group is Trying to Stop Amazon From Buying Whole Foods

News

Marc Perrone, president of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, sees Amazon the way some Rust Belt workers see global trade – as a threat to American jobs, reports *The Washington Post*.

The Lawyer, the Addict

News

In a *New York Times* article, the ex-wife of a high-powered Silicon Valley lawyer looks back at the decline and eventual death of her ex-husband – a death caused by a drug addiction that no one else had seen slowly changing his life.

Are You Prepared for GDPR? Take the Survey

Survey

To gauge readiness for GDPR across industries and global regions, Yerra and Blickstein Group have launched an industry survey to help benchmark where global corporations are in their preparations.

Electrification of the Auto Industry Steps on the Gas

Insight

Several recent developments show momentum continuing to build toward the replacement of fossil fuels with electricity to power the cars of the future, reports Foley & Lardner.

Case Study – An Inside Look at PayPal's ELM Implementation

Insight

During the 2017 CLOC Annual Legal Operations Institute in Las Vegas, Onit and PayPal presented a session titled, "Next Generation Enterprise Legal Management (ELM): People. Process. Automation."

Dot Your I's, Cross Your T's, and Place Your Commas

Insight

Guiding principles regarding the use of commas and other writing conventions should be strongly considered when drafting contracts, for example, as including or excluding a comma in a particular contract provision may ultimately determine whether a company owes or is owed millions of dollars in a subsequent dispute, , points out Hyatt & Weber P.A.

Should I Have an Arbitration Clause in My Construction Contract?

Insight

Paul W. Norris of Stark & Stark writes there are numerous factors to consider in determining whether mandatory arbitration is the preferred dispute resolution mechanism, or whether the state court system is preferred.

Disgraced Fugitive Lawyer Sentenced in Absentia to 12 Years in Prison

News

The conspiracy included using false evidence of clients' physical or mental disabilities in their claims, paying doctors to sign forms with little scrutiny, and bribing a Social Security judge, reports the *Lexington Herald-Leader*.

Is Your Compliance Training

Program Working Hard Enough?

Webinar, July 27, 1 p.m. EDT

Navex Global will present a complimentary webinar outlining the state of compliance training in 2017. The event will be Thursday, July 27, 2017, at 10 a.m. Pacific time/1 p.m. Eastern time.

CFPB Hits Back at Efforts to Kill Rule Easing Bank Lawsuits

News

Under the new rule, financial firms are restricted from forcing consumers to resolve their disputes through arbitration, a practice that has been used by the industry for years to keep grievances tied to payday loans, credit cards and other products out of courts, reports Bloomberg.

Trump Lawyer Marc Kasowitz to Critic: 'Watch Your Back. . . . I Already Know Where You

Live

News

President Trump’s longtime attorney representing him in the Russia investigations, reportedly sent angry, threatening and profane emails to a stranger who criticized him this week, reports *The Washington Post*.

Trump Faces Obstacles in Bid to Re-Shape Key U.S. Courts

News

Some of the courts best placed to thwart Trump’s agenda have liberal majorities that are likely to stay in place in the short-term, according to Reuters.

My Smart Contract Just Ate $14 Million – Now What?

InsightM

A digital currency exchange reported recently that a malfunction in a smart contract is responsible for a $14 million dollar loss of the cryptocurrency ether, reports Jared Butcher in the Steptoe Blockchain Blog.

How Weak Are Employee Nondisclosure Agreements?

Insight

Drafting and enforcing NDAs is an area rife with risks and traps, warns Gregory W. McClune of Foley & Lardner.