Lawyer Who Founded ‘Copyright Trolling’ Prenda Law Is Disbarred

News

John L. Steele said he and a co-defendant, Paul Hansmeier, made more than $6 million over a two-year period with “sham entities” that threatened Internet users with copyright lawsuits.

June 28 Event: Experts Explore Ways to Control Litigation Costs

Event, June 28, 2017, San Francisco

Leading in-house and outside counsel will discuss where they believe legal departments face the most pressure and how to successfully transform the management of litigation.

Forum: Examine the Risks and Rewards for Cross-Border

Deals

Event, June 20, 2017, New York

Bloomberg BNA and World Services Group will present the Cross-Border Deals Forum to hear about the current risk assessment, which deals are facing greater scrutiny and which deals are enjoying a more positive outlook.

Dubious Corporate Practices Get a Rubber Stamp From Big Investors

News

Institutional asset managers carry enormous clout across corporate America. So it's unfortunate that so many of these managers choose to support the status quo for boards, even when investors are ill served, points out *The New York Times*.

'We Have a Deal' Email From Lawyer Creates a Binding Settlement

Insight

A U.S. magistrate judge in the Southern District of New York has ruled that the terms of a settlement negotiated via email

can be enforced as a binding contract.

Suit for Bad Frac Job Requires a Certificate of Merit

Insight

Gray Reed & McGraw's Energy & the Law Blog discusses a case that asked whether a court must dismiss an engineering defect lawsuit filed without a certificate of merit with prejudice or may dismiss without prejudice.

11th Circuit: 'Completed Work' Exclusion Does Not Bar Claims for Work Under Maintenance Contract

Insight

The 11th Circuit found that the unambiguous language of an insurer's "Completed Work" exclusion did not bar coverage for injuries sustained by a motorist injured at a railroad crossing who later sued the insured, reports Hunton Williams.

Invitation: Summer Legal Conference, Berlin

Event, July 23-29, 2017

The CLE-qualified sessions will feature a diverse group of speakers, including a broad range of nationalities, backgrounds and ages, according to Knowledge Nomads.

The World's Best-Selling Drug Just Lost a Key Patent Battle

News

The rheumatoid arthritis and psoriasis medicine has recently been a target of biopharma companies that are trying to make generic Humira copycats called "biosimilars," reports *Fortune*.

Bookkeeper Embezzled More Than $850,000 From Law Firm, Suit Alleges

News

The family of the late Daniel Lilley, Maine's highest-profile

lawyer, is accusing a former bookkeeper of embezzling more than $850,000 from his law firm over a little more than four years, reports the *Portland Press Herald*.

DOJ Threatens Immigration Rights Lawyers, Demands They Drop Their Clients

News

In a letter last month, the Justice Department told the group it must 'cease and desist' providing certain legal assistance to immigrants unless it undertakes full representation of them in court. according to *The Seattle Times*.

Insight on Waiving Contractual Right to Arbitration

Insight

Bass, Berry & Sims attorney Chris Lazarini provided insight on factors a court should consider when determining whether a party has waived a contractual right to arbitration, the firm reports on its website.

AIA Releases 2017 Construction and Design Agreements

Insight

The American Institute of Architects has released several revised documents including the primary agreements between the owner and contractor and the owner and architect, reports Dickinson Wright PLLC.

Houston Attorney Mark Lanier Inducted into Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame

News

Trial attorney Mark Lanier, founder of The Lanier Law Firm, has been selected to the National Trial Lawyers Association’s Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame, which recognizes exceptional litigators.

Freeborn & Peters Opens Tampa Office

News

The firm’s Tampa office will be led by two veteran attorneys, Lawrence “Larry” P. Ingram and Jessica Kirkwood Alley.

Hogan Lovells Extends Commitment to LGBT Community with Global Pride+ Launch

News

To support diversity, Hogan Lovells has launched a new global LGBT and allies network, Pride+, aimed at enhancing support for and commitment to LGBT+ individuals.

Texas Bankruptcy Law Firm Forshey Prostok Beefs Up Attorney Ranks

News

Bankruptcy and restructuring law firm Forshey Prostok announces the promotion of three attorneys and the addition of two lawyers to its Dallas/Fort Worth offices.

Success Factors for Compliance During Office 356 Migration

Insight

The duty to preserve does not cease when an organization migrates data systems, Zapproved says on its website. In fact, not only does the duty persist, but it becomes more complex.

Benchmarking Your Policy & Procedure Management Program in 2017

Event, May 25, 1 p.m. EDT

NAVEX Global will present a complimentary webinar announcing the recent results from its new Ethics and Compliance Policy & Procedure Management Benchmark Report on May 25.

Biglaw Firm Lays Off

Associates, Staff and Partners

News

One source who was briefed on the layoffs said the downsizing affects 40 lawyers, including associates and counsel, as well as 27 staff members, reports Bloomberg’s Casey Sullivan.