

Dallas Attorney Julie Pettit Earns DAYL Outstanding Young Lawyer Award

News

Julie Pettit, founder and managing partner of the Pettit Law Firm, is the recipient of the 2017 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers.

Paul Wassgren Joins DLA Piper's Corporate Practice in Los Angeles

News

DLA Piper recently announced that Paul Wassgren has joined the firm's Corporate practice as a partner in Los Angeles.

Blank Rome Expands Tax Group with Two Additions in New York

News

Blank Rome LLP announced that David J. Moise and Jill E.

Misener have joined the firm in the Tax, Benefits, and Private Client group in New York.

Arent Fox Adds Two Veteran Litigators in Washington, DC

News

Arent Fox LLP has expanded its Complex Litigation practice with the addition of partner Linda M. Jackson and counsel Abram J. Pafford in the firm's Washington, DC office.

Governance Challenges 2017 – Complimentary Report

Insight

The National Association of Corporate Directors has published a report on corporate governance, focusing on environmental, social and governance oversight.

Hackers Face \$8.9 Million

Fine for Law Firm Breaches

News

Three Chinese stock traders were ordered to pay \$8.9 million in fines and penalties for hacking into two law firms and stealing information on upcoming mergers and acquisitions and then leveraging the information to trade stocks.

The Law Schools With the Lowest (And Highest) Acceptance Rates

News

The school with the toughest entry standards saw only 9.5 percent of its applicants gaining acceptance. At the other end of the scale, 85.8 percent were accepted.

Former Executive at Bankrupt NYC Law Firm Convicted of Fraud

News

A jury in Manhattan convicted Joel Sanders, the law firm's former chief financial officer, on three criminal counts arising from what prosecutors said was a scheme to hide the

firm's failing finances from financial backers, reports *The New York Times*.

The Burden Of Keeping In-House Secrets

Insight

In a post on Above the Law, Stephen R. Williams discusses how in-house lawyers often are brought into a myriad of issues they may wish they had been left out of.

Court Issues Warning To The Bar Regarding Use Of 'Boilerplate' Discovery Objections

Insight

Writing in the Jackson Lewis blog, Joshua Scott and Brett M. Anders explain that the issue arose when the court was reviewing a discovery dispute between the parties and noticed numerous objections that the court deemed to be improper "boilerplate objections."

Mitigation of Construction Defect Litigation – Top 10 Construction Contract Issues

Insight

A construction contract will need to be reviewed thoroughly and revised to better protect the owner, and in the case of residential construction, should in particular, address 10 key issues, advises Rebecca W. Dow in Holland & Hart's Construction Law Blog.

Webinar: Effectively Using Offers of Judgment

Event, May 18, 11 a.m. CDT

Dinsmore litigator Brittany Kirk will provide an introduction to offers of judgment, discussing how to effectively leverage this risk-shifting tool to avoid litigation and associated costs.

Uber Faces Criminal Probe Over the Secret 'Greyball' Tool It Used to Stymie Regulators

News

Some Uber employees told Reuters that the Greyball technique was used against suspected local officials who could have been looking to fine drivers, impound cars or otherwise prevent Uber from operating.

Jury Awards Record-Setting \$110.5M in Baby Powder Lawsuit

News

A St. Louis jury has awarded a Virginia woman a record-setting \$110.5 million in the latest lawsuit alleging that using Johnson & Johnson's baby powder caused cancer, according to an Associated Press report.

Gustave Newman, Defense Lawyer in Sensational Cases, Dies at 90

News

Gustave Newman, a criminal defense lawyer in a host of headline-grabbing cases who genially cajoled skeptical juries and cowed hostile witnesses with his booming baritone, died on Monday in Manhattan at the age of 90, reports *The New York Times*.

Michael Best Adds Startup and IP Partner Andrew Eisenberg to Austin

News

Andrew Eisenberg has joined the Michael Best firm as a partner in the Intellectual Property and Corporate Practice Groups in its Austin office.

Three Join Greensfelder

Litigation Team as Officers

News

Katherine M. Fowler, Jonathan H. Garside and Erika N. Reynolds joined the firm May 1 as officers in the Litigation Practice Group.

Kim Technologies Launches Intelligent Legal Operations Platform

News

The Kim platform is already being used by a number of Global 100 companies for activities ranging from contract and in-life management, litigation and employment, to compliance, patents and property.

A New Start for U.S. Offshore Oil, Gas Drilling?

Podcast

A podcast from the Center on Global Energy Policy discusses the latest executive order on offshore oil and gas drilling and what political and legal challenges the order will face.

Is 'Class Arbitration' an Oxymoron?

Insight

"Class arbitration" – the utilization of a class action mechanism in an arbitration proceeding – is considered by some to be the unicorn of ADR; desirable but elusive, writes Gilbert Samberg on Mintz Levin's blog, ADR: Advice from the Trenches.