# Connected Product Intensive: Regulatory Compliance and Risk Management Roundtable

***Event, May 2-3, 2017, San Francisco***

Keller and Heckman will produce a new seminar, “The Connected Product Intensive: A Framework for Regulatory Compliance and Risk Management,” May 2-3, 2017 in San Francisco, CA.

---

# Dallas-Based Bailey Brauer Earns Spot Among BTI’s ‘Best Branded’ Law Firms

***News***

Dallas-based litigation boutique Bailey Brauer PLLC has been recognized by BTI Consulting Group as one of the law firms with the “best brand standing” in the country, based on a survey of corporate counsel and executives at the world’s largest organizations.

---

# U.S. District Judge Sounds

# Off on Law Firms' High Billing Rates

***News***

The invisible hand of the free market hasn't been able to exert much control over law firm billing rates, U.S. District Judge Jed S. Rakoff said at a Cardozo School of Law panel discussion about the high cost of the legal system, reports Bloomberg Law.

---

# In-House Lawyer Killed in 'Targeted' Shooting in Broad Daylight

***News***

A suspect with a criminal record has been arrested in connection with the murder of an in-house attorney with UPS in Atlanta, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reports.

---

# Companies Use Diversity Data to Hold Law Firms Accountable

***News***

Facebook's new policy comes on the heels of HP's announcement in February that it would start withholding fees from law

firms that don’t meet diversity requirements,” reports Bloomberg Law.

---

# Whirlpool Wins $7.6M Jury Verdict over Patent Infringement of Refrigerator Filters

***News***

An East Texas jury has awarded Whirlpool Corp. $7.6 million, finding that a California company willfully infringed the patent protecting Whirlpool’s replacement water filters for refrigerators.

---

# Akerman Adds Land Use Lawyer Jack George and Team in Chicago

***News***

A former assistant attorney general and assistant corporation counsel for the City of Chicago, Jack George joins from Schuyler, Roche & Crisham P.C.

# Client Fires Morgan Lewis for ‘Enabling’ Trump

***News***

Bloomberg Law reports that that H. Scott Wallace, co-chair of the Wallace Global Fund, fired the firm in a letter to chair Jami McKeon.

---

# Removal of Energy ‘Burdens’ Could Have Huge Impacts

***Insight***

A provision of the “energy independence” executive order signed by President Trump is so broad in scope that legal experts say it could affect numerous government responsibilities far beyond those that deal directly with energy and climate change, according to a post by Climate Central.

---

# Thousands of Trump University

# Students Sign Up for Hefty Refunds

***News***

Plaintiffs claimed the university made false promises of riches and instant success. Trump fought the allegations for years but finally agreed to the deal, Bloomberg Law reports.

---

# Glock Defeats Ex-Wife's $500 Million 'Shotgun' Racketeering Suit

***News***

Helga Glock had filed a racketeering lawsuit accusing her former husband of siphoning off millions of dollars from the family firearm empire, reports Bloomberg Businessweek.

---

# Democratic Supreme Court Opposition Grows; Schumer Warns GOP

***News***

Senate Democratic opposition to Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee swelled Friday as Democrats neared the numbers needed

to block Judge Neil Gorsuch with a filibuster, reports the Associated Press.

---

# Court: Arbitration Agreement Included In Product Manual Is Unenforceable

***Insight***

A recent ruling in a federal count stated that a contractual term, like an arbitration clause, is binding only when the terms are reasonably conspicuous, rather than in a manner that de-emphasizes its provisions.

---

# If You Checked The Box, You're Bound By The Contract

***Insight***

The moral of the story is to always read the contract before you sign, whether by signature or by checking the box, writes Pat Collins of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus.

---

# How to Get Media-Ready for a High-Profile Trial

***Insight***

The delicate balancing act of effectively handling a client's case while also protecting their public reputation is far from easy, but it can be done if you recognize the potential pitfalls and what to expect from reporters, writes Bruce Vincent of Muse Communications.

---

# Contracting Strategies Can Help Navigate Changing Environments

***Insight***

Regardless of the flavor of the technology being used, it can be very helpful to look to the contracting strategy that is required to meet the business objective, write Edward J. Hansen and Eric J. Pennesi of Morgan Lewis.

---

# When Construction Contracts Go Sideways in Bankruptcy

***Insight***

When a contractor on a project files a bankruptcy case, the

property owner and subcontractors have some serious decisions to make, writes Tracy Green in the California Construction Law Blog.

---

# UT Dallas Honors Former Texas Supreme Court Justice Deborah Hankinson

***News***

The UT Dallas Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor the school can bestow on its alumni and is presented to individuals who are outstanding in their chosen profession or life's work.

---

# Dallas-Based Bailey Brauer Earns Spot Among BTI's 'Best Branded' Law Firms

***News***

Dallas-based litigation boutique Bailey Brauer PLLC has been recognized by BTI Consulting Group as one of the law firms with the "best brand standing" in the country, based on a survey of corporate counsel and executives at the world's largest organizations.

# Trump Appoints One of His Lawyers to Review Mergers

***News***

Companies are hoping that the new Republican administration will be more permissive with mergers than the Obama administration was, *The New York Times* reports.