Republican Plan Would Ease Wall St. Rules, As Party Embraces Deregulation

News

Hensarling's plan would roll back Wall Street rules and consumer protections conceived after the 2008 financial crisis, a step that will largely define the financial deregulation debate in the Trump era, reports Reuters.

Financial Services Litigators Join Bradley in Houston Office

News

S. David Smith and Melissa Gutierrez have joined the Houston office of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP as members of the firm's Banking and Financial Services Team.

What to Consider When Preparing Construction

Contracts

Insight

It’s important for parties entering into any significant economic transaction to have written contracts, especially for construction projects, writes Jason T. Strickland for Ward and Smith, P.A.

Key Issues for Due Diligence of Government Contracts – Part I

Insight

Comprehensive due diligence review of any target company is imperative when determining whether to buy another company, writes Kimi Murakami for Piliero Mazza.

Former FCC Legal Advisor Edward ‘Smitty’ Smith joins DLA Piper

News

DLA Piper announced that Edward “Smitty” Smith, former legal advisor to past Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Tom Wheeler, has joined the firm’s Telecommunication

practice.

Gardere Formally Launches Venture Capital and Emerging Business Group

News

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP announced the launch of its Venture Capital and Emerging Business Practice Group.

Jury Awards Ousted General Counsel $8M

News

A federal jury awarded the former general counsel of BioRad Laboratories $8 million in back pay and damages – which will increase to $11 million – for whistleblower retaliation involving potential bribery in China, according to a Courthouse News article.

Judge Wants Review of Legal Bills After Firms Reveal 9,000 Hours Of ‘Inadvertent’ Double-Billed Times

News

The hourly rates claimed in the firms’ filings, which ranged from $335 to $500 an hour, were often 10 times more than what the lawyers normally earned, according to *The Boston Globe*.

Akin Gump Lawyer Accused of Trying to Sell Lawsuit Under Seal

News

Jeffrey Wertkin immediately lost his job with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP after he was picked up Jan. 31 in the lobby of a hotel in Cupertino, Californiaallegedly trying to collect $310,000 for selling the lawsuit.

Download: Bringing E-

Discovery In House

Insight>

Zapproved has published a new white paper successfully transitioning from outsourced to in-house e-discovery.

Brendan Delany Joins Blank Rome in Washington, D.C.

News

Brendan Delany has joined Blank Rome LLP as a partner in the Finance, Restructuring and Bankruptcy group.

Timothy Brinkley Joins Quarles & Brady’s Chicago Office

News

Timothy A. Brinkley has joined the Chicago office of law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP in its Business Law Practice Group.

What Trump Can – and Can't – Do to Dodd-Frank

News

American Banker asks and answers the question of what will be the immediate impact of President Trump's executive order calling for a review of financial regulatory policy, especially the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act.

Who Is Authorized to Bind Your Family Business to Contracts?

Insight

It's important for family business owners and management to clearly instruct their employees and agents as to whether those employees or agents are authorized to sign contracts, writes Michael P. Connolly for Murtha Cullina LLP.

Commercial Contract Risk in 2017

Insight

With international and domestic supply chain contracts, there is little or no room for error. according to an article posted

by a team of lawyers at Foley & Lardner LLP.

Protecting Your Event with Contracts and Insurance

Insight

Attorney Barbara Dunn O'Neal and Lance Ewing, executive vice president Global Risk Management & Client Services at Cotton Holdings Inc., recently discussed some of the basics of contract drafting when they spoke at a meeting of professional meeting planners.

China Employee Non-Competes: Does Yours Have Real Teeth?

Insight

Chinese courts do not automatically side with the employee; those rare employers that have done things the right way actually usually win, writes Grace Yang in China Law Blog.

Trump May Be Skirting Transparency Law on Advisory Boards

News

There have been no official notices of any meetings and no executive orders laying out the duties of the "Strategic and Policy Forum" or any other groups Trump is convening.

Uber CEO to Leave Trump Advisory Council After Criticism

News

Uber CEO Travis Kalanick responded to an onslaught of criticism to his joining President Trump's economic advisory council by resigning from the council on Thursday, reports *The New York Times*.

Trump to Issue Directives Targeting Dodd-Frank,

Retirement Advice Rule

News

This is the opening salvo in Trump’s campaign to scale back regulations that resulted from the financial crisis, Reuters is reporting.