Former FDA Criminal Investigations Director Joins DLA Piper in Miami

News

DLA Piper announced that former FDA criminal investigations director George Karavetsos has joined the firm's litigation practice as a partner in the Miami office.

E-Sign: Reducing Risk & Strengthening Enforceability Webinar

Event, Feb. 7, 2 p.m. EST

eSignLive by Vasco will present a complimentary one-hour webinar providing practical evidentiary considerations of electronic records and signatures and guidance on how to reduce your risk.

Painful Verdicts for Johnson & Johnson

News

The Lanier Law Firm said these verdicts marked the second and

third bellwether trials among thousands of similar lawsuits nationwide that have been consolidated in multidistrict litigation in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

Disparate Treatment and Disparate Impact Are Tests for Discrimination

Insight

Disparate treatment and disparate impact are two very different types of employment discrimination that use two very different tests to determine if illegal discrimination has occurred and if an employer may be liable for such discriminatory conduct, according to an article published by Lynch Service Company.

Government Contracts Legislative and Regulatory Update

Insight

Dentons has published the latest edition of its “Government Contracts Legislative and Regulatory Update,” a summary of the relevant changes that took place during December.

Jeffrey Cohen Will Join Lowenstein in Bankruptcy Practice

News

Lowenstein Sandler LLP announced that Jeffrey Cohen will join the firm as a partner in its bankruptcy practice, with a focus on troubled retailers and technology companies.

White Paper: Top 6 Legal Risks When Adopting E-Signatures

Insight

This paper discusses how a well-designed process, supported by new-generation electronic signature technology, can reduce risk and increase the enforceability of e-transactions compared to paper processes.

Apple Adds to Qualcomm's Troubles, Filing Lawsuit Over Rebates

News

Apple sued Qualcomm, its longtime partner, over what it said was $1 billion in withheld rebates on Qualcomm's smartphone technology, according to *The New York Times*.

Texas Supreme Court Rules Pipeline Can Take Land by Eminent Domain

News

Typically, the power of eminent domain is granted to governmental entities rather than private institutions. Under Texas law, however, a common carrier has the right and power of eminent domain, according to Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.

Webinar: Lessons Learned from Federal Opinions on

Patentable Subject Matter

Event, Jan. 25, 11 a.m. CST

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, “Alice in Chains? Lessons Learned from Recent Federal Circuit Opinions on Patentable Subject Matter,” featuring Fitch Even partners Eric L. Broxterman and David A. Gosse.

The Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing

Insight

Inherent in every contract is an unwritten “implied” additional covenant that is not expressly set forth; namely, the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing writes David Allen of Jaburg Wilk.

Contracting by Tweet: What Impact Can the New Administration Have on Existing Contracts and Future

Awards?

Insight

A president always can pressure high-profile government contractors to “voluntarily” take actions to their detriment and in favor of the government, but what legal tools or contractual remedies are available if a president forces a particular outcome?

Careful Drafting of Non-Competes and Other Restrictive Covenants Can Save the Day

Insight

It generally is a defense to a breach of contract claim if the defendant proves that the plaintiff was the first one to materially breach the parties’ agreement, writes Shep Davidson for The In-House Advisor.

Fixing Your Contracts: What Training in Contract Drafting

Can and Can’t Do

Insight

Most contracts prose is dysfunctional, but training is available to help contracts professionals draft clearly and concisely. But that gets you only so far; you also have to supplement training with centralized initiatives, write Chris Lemens and Kenneth A. Adams for the Association of Corporate Counsel.

General Counsel in the U.S. are Bullish on Trump

News

Fifty-six percent of respondents expected Trump to affect their business in a positive way while 44 percent had a negative outlook.

Attorney Brian ‘Strong Arm’ Loncar’s Death Ruled Accidental Cocaine Overdose

News

Prominent Dallas lawyer Brian Loncar, known for his TV identity “The Strong Arm,” died last month due to an

accidental cocaine overdose, officials said Thursday, according to a *Dallas Morning News* report.

Trump Pays $25 Million to Settle Trump University Litigation

News

Politico reports that Trump University transferred the funds Tuesday night, providing enough money pay back about half of the funds paid by students for the seminars.

Longtime Litigator Leads Geographic Expansion

News

Veteran trial lawyer Jay Old has joined the commercial litigation firm Hicks Thomas LLP, where he will represent construction, insurance, petrochemical and healthcare companies, effective Jan. 1.

Challenges Women Lawyers Face in Business Development

Insight

Women promoting their careers or their law practices need to understand that they’re marketing their skillset, and everything they do is marketing, advises Andrea S. Kramer.

Dykema Elects Six New Members

News

National law firm Dykema has announced that its Executive Board elected six new members to the firm effective Jan. 1, 2017.