

# **John C. Stellakis Joins Farrell Fritz as a Land Use & Municipal Associate**

## ***News***

John C. Stellakis of Long Beach, NY will join Farrell Fritz in its Hauppauge office as a land use & municipal associate. He is experienced in commercial and residential real estate transactions and land use and zoning.

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# **Thiru Vignarajah Joins DLA Piper's Litigation Practice in Baltimore**

## ***News***

Thiru Vignarajah will join DLA Piper as partner with the firm's litigation practice in the Baltimore office.

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# **Former CBS General Tax Counsel Alvan L. Bobrow Joins**

# Akerman in New York

## *News*

Former CBS Inc. vice president and general tax counsel Alvan L. Bobrow has joined Akerman LLP in the firm's Tax Practice Group with. He joins Akerman's New York office as a partner from Mayer Brown LLP, where he served as the leader of the national state and local tax group.

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## **2016 HIPAA Year in Review: Audits, Fines, and Enforcement Trends**

### *Event, Jan. 25, 2 p.m. EST*

Compliancy Group will present a complimentary webinar examining the major breaches and fines that made 2016 the most expensive year on record for HIPAA fines and enforcement.

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## **Holland & Hart Launches Alaska Office**

### *News*

Holland & Hart announced the addition of Kyle W. Parker and John C. Martin as partners, along with the opening of an office in Anchorage, Alaska.

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# Former District Judge Chris Oldner Joins Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson

## *News*

Former state District Judge Chris Oldner has joined the Dallas and Frisco, Texas offices of the family law boutique Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, LLP, as of couns

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# Download: 2017 Strategic E-Discovery Insights and Best Practices

## *Insight*

Zapproved has published the proceedings catalog from the 2016 PREX, the premier conference for in-house e-discovery professionals. The catalog is available for free downloading.

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# Federal Court Dismisses

# Insurer's Claims Seeking Tens of Millions of Dollars in Damages

## *News*

The lawsuit sought more than \$40 million in damages for an alleged shortfall in reinsurance collateral and claims relating to the issuance of various workers' compensation policies.

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# Berkeley Research Group Appoints Legal Veteran Eric Miller as General Counsel

## *News*

Berkeley Research Group (BRG) announces legal veteran Eric Miller to their leadership team as Senior Vice President and General Counsel.

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# Obamacare Repeal: 18 Million Lose Insurance, Premiums

# Soar: Report

## News

NBC News is reporting that about 18 million people would lose or drop their health insurance in the first year after Obamacare is repealed, the Congressional Budget Office reported Tuesday.

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## A Chicago GC's Journey From Mortgages to Medical Marijuana

### News

Charlie Bachtell, CEO and co-founder of medical marijuana company Cresco Labs, was general counsel at Chicago-based mortgage company Guaranteed Rate before he moved into the legal cannabis business, *The Chicago Tribune* reports.

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## Mark Zuckerberg, in Suit, Testifies in Oculus Intellectual Property Trial

### News

Mark Zuckerberg, chief executive of Facebook, testified Tuesday in a trial that could cost his company \$2 billion if a

federal jury in Dallas finds that a company bought by Facebook stole technology that eventually went into a virtual reality headset.

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## **Early Investigative Mistakes that Destroy the Privilege**

### ***Insight***

It is imperative that individuals advising or conducting workplace investigations think about the way their actions will preserve or destroy the privilege at each step of the process, according to a report published by Lynch Service Company.

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## **Justices Will Hear Challenges to Mandatory Employee Arbitration**

### ***News***

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether companies can use employment contracts to prohibit workers from banding together to take legal action over workplace issues, reports *The New York Times*.

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# Federal Court Dismisses Insurer's Claims Seeking Tens of Millions of Dollars in Damages

## *News*

A federal judge has dismissed claims brought by a South Carolina insurance company against Texas-based insurance agency Highpoint Risk Services and its owner, Charles David Wood, Jr.

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# Stradley Ronon Adds Leading In-House Financial Services Litigator

## *News*

Stradley Ronon announced that financial services litigator Joe N. Nguyen has joined the firm as a partner in its Philadelphia office. Nguyen was most recently vice president and assistant general counsel at Ocwen Financial Corporation.

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# Hogan Lovells Adds Stacey Rosenberg in L.A. Office

## *News*

Hogan Lovells US LLP announced that Stacey Rosenberg will join the firm's Finance practice as a partner in its Los Angeles office.

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# Miller & Chevalier Elects Four New Members to Employee Benefits, International, and Litigation Practices

## *News*

Miller & Chevalier Chartered elected four new members on January 1: Lauren Briggerman, Andrew Herman, Nathan Lankford and Erin Sweeney.

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# Attorney Says Case Against Dylann Roof Provides

# Prosecutors Some Insurance

## *Insight*

Roof's decision to take the innocent lives of South Carolina citizens is deplorable, and the pursuit of the death penalty in state court is likely an effort to offset any potential success he may find during his federal appeal, says Dallas criminal defense attorney Nicole Knox.

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# Utility-Scale Battery Storage Systems: Legal Issues and Opportunities

## *Insight*

Utility-scale battery storage projects present land use, permitting and environmental and health and safety issues, according to an article published by Farella Braun + Martell LLP.