3 Things Smart Contracts Need Before They Can Finally Take Off

Insight

A new article in CoinDesk provides an overview of the ongoing issues with smart contract development, selecting just three that could remain barriers to mainstream use.

Artificial Intelligence in Contract Management – Part 2

Insight

Pierre Mitchell, writing for Spend Matters, continues his series on artificial intelligence (AI) in contract management by discussing AI and knowledge representation.

Non-Compete Earns a Preliminary Injunction in Case Involving a Community

Publication

Insight

Stacey Lantagne writes in ContractsProf Blog about an interesting dispute over a non-compete provision that resulted in a preliminary injunction.

Billable Hour Pricing is Effectively Dead Because of Budget Caps, Report Says

News

The ABA Journal reports on a study released by Georgetown Law's Center for the Study of the Legal Profession and Thomson Reuters Legal Executive Institute.

Online Lenders Seeking to Boost Their Influence Under Trump

News

Online lending companies are seeking to exert more influence in Washington under President-elect Donald Trump and a Republican-controlled Congress, reports Bloomberg.

Takata to Pay $1 Bln to Settle U.S. Air Bag Probe – Sources

News

Sources told Reuters that the settlement will include $850 million to compensate automakers who have suffered losses from massive recalls.

E-Discovery Hero Award Finalists Named, Michael Arkfeld Wins Lifetime Achievement Award

News

See the 16 finalists chosen for the Corporate E-Discovery Hero Awards. Register for the Jan 30, 2017, celebration with NPR's Nina Totenberg to honor all finalists and celebrate the winners. Book your seats for this special event, taking place the evening before Legaltech New York 2017.

Trial Lawyer Jay Old Joins Texas-based Hicks Thomas LLP

News

Veteran trial lawyer Jay Old has joined commercial litigation firm Hicks Thomas LLP where he will continue to represent construction, insurance, petrochemical and health care companies as part of his client portfolio.

Hunton & Williams Launches Sustainability and Corporate Clean Power Initiative

News

Hunton & Williams LLP announces the formation of a global cross-disciplinary legal team to advise corporations and investors on issues related to sustainability and efforts to increase utilization of renewable energy

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2017: An Evolving Landscape for Third Party Risk

Management – Webinar

Event, Jan. 26, 1 p.m. EST

Navex Global will present a free webinar discussing how a new administration and anticipated enforcement and regulatory changes will impact third party due diligence programs.

Dallas' Bailey Brauer Named Among Nation's Most Feared Law Firms

News

BTI Consulting Group's 2017 ranking of U.S. law firms that corporate lawyers never want to face in court includes Dallas' Bailey Brauer PLLC based on the firm's successful work in high-stakes litigation across the nation.

Client Pitches Cost Up to $70K at Latham & Watkins

News

BigLaw firm Latham & Watkins spends between $30,000 and $70,000 making client presentations to potential clients, reports Bloomberg Law.

Tillerson’s $180M Exxon Exit Plan Has $72M Tax Advantage

News

Rex Tillerson exit plan from Exxon Mobil Corp. might let him avoid an immediate federal income tax bill of as much as $72 million, reports Bloomberg.

Trump Beats Libel Lawsuit Over Tweets Directed at Political Strategist

News

A New York judge on Tuesday has dismissed a defamation suit brought by a political strategist against Donald Trump, reports *The Hollywood Reporter*.

Obamacare Replacement May Look Like Existing Law,

Without Mandate

Insight

The changes likely will be phased in over time, with very few, if any, immediately repealed. That will allow the new Congress time to fashion replacement parts. And those replacement parts will mostly resemble the old law, says Dallas health care lawyer Jeff Drummond of Jackson Walker LLP.

Texas Firm Adds Seven

News

Houston-based law firm Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing P.C. has added seven attorneys to the firm.

Download: Eight Practices to Oversee Risk Effectively

Insight

The National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) has published a complimentary executive summary of “Eight Key Practices for Overseeing Risk Management.”

Catalyst Announces Purpose-Built E-Discovery Platform for General Counsel

News

Catalyst, a developer of e-discovery solutions, has introduced Insight Enterprise, a platform the company says is specifically designed for corporate general counsel.

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29 Partnership Promotions and 37 Promoted to Counsel at Hogan Lovells

News

Hogan Lovells has promoted 29 new partners globally. They will join more than 800 partners in offices across Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas.

Be Cautious in Navigating Microsoft’s Forest of EA

Documents

Insight

Microsoft occasionally will incorporate substantive or potentially substantive language in forms that otherwise would appear to have only administrative purposes, writes Christopher Barnett of Scott & Scott LLP.