Public M&A Year in Review: Trends and Highlights from 2016

Event, Feb. 1, 1 p.m. EST

Practical Law's What's Market database tracks and summarizes publicly filed merger agreements so users can keep informed of market trends and new approaches to complex deal terms.

Litigator Bryan J. Johnson Joins Dykema's Chicago Office

News

Bryan J. Johnson has joined Dykema's Chicago office as a Member in its Litigation Department.

Dream Hotel Group Appoints Laura Mutterperl EVP and GC

News

Hotel brand and management company Dream Hotel Group announces the appointment of Laura Mutterperl as Executive Vice President and General Counsel.

DLA Piper Trio of Lawyers to Employment Practice in San Francisco

News

DLA Piper announced that Ron Holland, Ellen Bronchetti and Pankit Doshi have joined the firm’s Employment practice as partners in the San Francisco office.

The Major Potential Impact of a Corporate Tax Overhaul

News

With the U.S. House, Senate and presidency all soon to be in Republican hands and with all agreeing that a major tax bill is a top priority, some kind of change to the American taxation system appears likely to happen, according to *The New York Times*.

What Every Attorney Should

Know About eDiscovery in 2017

Event, Jan. 25, 1 p.m. EST

CloudNine will present a webinar covering key terms, rules, duties and case law needed to meet the challenging discovery obligations that attorneys will face in 2017, the company reports.

Are We Dialing Down Nuclear Power at Precisely the Wrong Time?

Insight

Nuclear plants are disappearing at a faster rate than the EPA forecasted due to a variety of economic, regulatory and political factors, according to an article published by FTI Consulting Inc.

Equifax and TransUnion Fined $23 Million for Misrepresenting Credit

Products

News

Some of the companies' products offered as free, or as costing $1, in fact incurred monthly charges adding up to almost $200 a year, the CFPB claimed.

Judge Nixes $360-An-Hour Fees For 'Associates' Who Looked More Like Temps

News

The fee order provides evidence at least some judges are starting to figure out the economics of the class-action business, reports *Forbes*.

GOP Banking Chair: Dodd-Frank Dismantling is First-Year Priority for Trump

News

Dismantling President Obama's financial reform law is not a priority for President-elect Trump's first 100 days, the author of GOP legislation to undo the law said Thursday, but it is a task for Trump's first year, reports *The Washington*

Examiner.

Contract Drafting for Dispute Resolution

Insight

John M. Newman of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis has compiled a guide to drafting for dispute resolution.

Artificial Intelligence in Contract Management: Considerations for Practitioners

Insight

There is perhaps no area where the impact of artificial intelligence systems will be felt more than in legal departments and, more broadly, in the area of managing contracts, according to an article in Spend Matters.

When Does a Contract Release Release a Claim? Classic Contract Tongue Twister

Insight

A recent ruling helps contractors understand the scope and contours of a release of claims in a contract, reports Covington & Burling LLP.

Global Risk: Fraud Detection and Investigations Across Jurisdictions

Event, Jan. 24, 3:30 p.m. EST

Bloomberg BNA will present a complimentary afternoon briefing on DOJ and SEC enforcement trends, new emerging risks, and recent cases that will keep attorneys ahead of the changing landscape, on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

GCSG Launches a New Due Diligence Report Product for

Businesses

Insight

GCSG has created a due diligence report to help companies assess potential risks associated with their current and potential third party relationships.

Gardere Welcomes Five International Trade Attorneys in Mexico City Office

News

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP announces the addition of two partners and three associates to the firm’s international trade practice in Mexico City. The group joins Gardere from Carrasco, García Abogados, S.C. and Trade Law Consultores, S.C.

Farrell Fritz Promotes Five Attorneys in its Uniondale Office

News

Farrell Fritz, a law firm headquartered in Uniondale, NY, promoted five attorneys effective Jan. 1.

California Hires Eric Holder as Legal Bulwark Against Donald Trump

News

The Democratic leader in the California Senate said he expected California to challenge Washington on issues including the environment, immigration and criminal justice, reprots *The New York Times*.

Judge Halves Jury's $1 Billion Punitive Damages Award in J&J Hip Implant Case

News

U.S. District Judge Ed Kinkeade in Dallas found the jury's punitive-damage awards to six patients were excessive and should be reduced, according to court filings.

Trump Lawyer: No Settlement in Lawsuit Against Celeb Chef

News

Lawyers for the Trump Organization and for Zakarian’s company told the judge that the two parties had reached an impasse.