The Five Biggest Issues Facing the New Ninth Justice

News

The BloombergBusinessweek authors discuss the top five issues, which include climate change, arbitration, class actions, property rights and insider trading.

Arnold & Porter to Merge With Rival Kaye Scholer for 1,000-Lawyer Firm

News

Arnold & Porter and Kaye Scholer, winding up months of talks, announced on Thursday that they would combine to become a firm with more than 1,000 lawyers effective Jan. 1, *The New York Times* is reporting.

Goodell DeVries Wins Tier One Rankings in U.S. News Best Law Firms

News

Goodell DeVries Received Tier One Rankings on the 2017 U.S.

News & World Report and Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firm” List.

Herbert Smith Freehills’ New York Office Hires First LatAm Project Finance Partner

News

Edward Dougherty is joining Herbert Smith Freehills as a partner in New York focusing on project finance, trade finance and syndicated lending in the infrastructure, mining, power, oil & gas and financial sectors across Latin America.

Partner Luis Zambrano, Senior Counsel Sarah Bradbury Join Estes Thorne & Carr

News

Dallas litigation boutique Estes Thorne & Carr PLLC has added trial lawyer Luis Zambrano as partner and former in-house counsel Sarah Bradbury as senior counsel.

Contract Terms: The Boilerplate Language IS Important

Insight

can, perhaps unintentionally, void portions of your contract that you might have already negotiated in your contract, cautions Anette Beebe of Beebe Law, PLLC.

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5 Points: Arbitration Clauses in Real Estate Contracts

Insight

While consumers may not have many choices when signing agreements that contain arbitration clauses, commercial parties often negotiate every last term of their agreements, according to a post on Shutts & Bowen LLP's website.

White House Continues Attack on Non-Compete Agreements

Insight

Contrary to the suggestions of the White House's statements and other repeated misperceptions, there is no judicial rubber-stamp approval of employer efforts to enforce non-

compete agreements, according to an article posted by Jackson Lewis P.C.

Could Presidential Election Results Usher in Federal-Level Tort Reform?

Insight

Dallas lawyer Trey Branham of Dean Omar Branham says Donald Trump's election could mean Texas-style tort reform at the federal level.

NACD Introduces New Initiative: The Strategic-Asset GC

Insight

The National Association of Corporate Directors has introduced the its new Strategic-Asset GC initiative, which recognizes the unique position general counsel hold relative to their boards of directors.

Webinar: Determining the Value of One Patented Feature

Event, Nov. 17, 11 a.m. CST

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a complimentary webinar, “Determining the Value of One Patented Feature: A Behavioral Alternative to a Consumer Survey,” featuring Jacob Jacoby, Ph.D., and Fitch Even partners Alison Aubry Richards and Edward W. Gray Jr.

Legal Holds: Educating Company Employees about Document Preservation

Event, Nov. 17, 1 p.m. EST

Companies that do not take reasonable steps to preserve relevant information risk sanctions. Companies must swiftly and clearly communicate legal holds to employees that have relevant information so that the employees can take appropriate action to identify, collect, and properly preserve the information, intact and without alteration.

Orsinger, Nelson, Downing &

Anderson Earns National Best Law Firms Honors

News

For the first time, family law boutique Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, LLP, has earned both national and metropolitan Best Law Firms honors in three practice areas from U.S. News & World Report and The Best Lawyers in America.

Trump's Victory Has Enormous Consequences for the Supreme Court

News

At some point next year, the nine-member court will be restored to full capacity, once again with a majority of Republican-appointed justices, writes Robert Barnes for *The Washington Post*.

London Calling: The Law and Politics of Brexit

Insight

David Willink, a barrister with Lamb Chambers, takes a look at the legal and political implications of the recent British

High Court ruling on Brexit – a ruling that Parliament should have a say before the UK invokes Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty – which triggers up to two years of formal EU withdrawal talks.

Arbitration Award Overturned Because Arbitrator Impersonated Lawyer

News

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned an arbitration award in a multimillion-dollar investment case Friday because the lead arbitrator impersonated a California attorney – something he did in dozens of cases before being exposed, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

Get Judicial Insights on 10 Key E-Discovery Cases

Insight

At the 2016 Conference on Preservation Excellence, Zapproved asked six judges to weigh in on 10 such cases in an hour. A complete discussion summary is available for downloading.

New Research Reveals Third-Party Risk Management Best Practices

Insight

Navex Global has produced a benchmark report that can be used to help organizations judge how effective their third-party risk management systems are and how to make improvements.

Clinton’s Charity Confirms Qatar’s $1 Million Gift While She Was at State Dept.

News

The Clinton Foundation has confirmed it accepted a $1 million gift from Qatar while Hillary Clinton was U.S. secretary of state without informing the State Department, even though she had promised to let the agency review new or significantly increased support from foreign governments, Reuters is reporting.

Two New Cases: Fractional Royalty, Fraction of Royalty, or Mineral Interest?

Insight

Two new opinions, one from the San Antonio Court of Appeals and one from the El Paso Court of Appeals, again tackle the task of construing mineral and royalty conveyances and reservations, reports John McFarland in his Oil and Gas Lawyer Blog.