Arbitration Provisions in Employment Agreements: The Pros and Cons

Insight

Deciding whether to include an arbitration provision in an employment agreement requires thorough consideration based upon an employer's individual circumstances, according to a post in Trenam Law's Employment Law Update.

Void Contracts: Court Nullifies CFO's Employment Because of Prior Extortion Conviction

Insight

The doctrine of void contracts arose recently in an employment case in Florida, writes Jason M. Knott for Zuckerman Spaeder LLP.

For Women Who Sued Firms, Alienation Followed

News

Some women who filed gender discrimination claims against their law firms all said they were alienated to varying degrees for speaking out and taking action about what they experienced, according to a report by Bloomberg Big Law Business.

Florida Lawyer is Shot At His Office; Ex-Client Arrested

News

Real estate lawyer Larry Harshman, 54, was shot five times at his Florida law office. Harshman, who had drawn up paperwork for a home the suspect was forced to sell short three years ago, underwent surgery and was recovering in a hospital,

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U.S. Charges in Generic-Drug Probe to Be Filed by Year-End

News

The antitrust investigation by the Justice Department spans more than a dozen companies and about two dozen drugs, reports

Bloomberg.

China – Compliance Risks and Solutions

Insight

Vendor kickback schemes are endemic throughout China and only increasing. Theft of intellectual property remains a major issue for global businesses in China. Theft, embezzlement and fraud continue on as if no one is watching, writes Jeffrey Klink, a former U.S. Department of Justice prosecutor and CEO of Klink & Co.

What Is The Optimal Contract Length For Your SaaS Startup?

Insight

Tomasz Tunguz, a venture capitalist at Redpoint, discusses the questions: What is the optimal contract length with for your SaaS startup? Monthly, annual, multiyear?

Three Tips for Writing Effective Arbitration Clauses

Insight

A well-drafted arbitration provision can save companies from expensive and time-consuming class litigation, two defense attorneys say in a report published by Bloomberg BNA.

Patent Attorney Steve Levine Joins Dallas-based Carrington Coleman

News

Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP, is expanding its intellectual property practice with the addition of patent attorney Stephen L. Levine.

2016 In-House Legal Benchmarking Report

Insight

Exterro has published its “2016 In-House Legal Benchmarking Report,” which allows readers to compare their legal processes to their peers and learn how other legal departments are trying to become more productive and reduce legal spend

without sacrificing defensibility.

AZA Named to Best Law Firms in U.S. List For Fifth Year

News

The commercial litigation and intellectual property firm Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing P.C., or AZA, is being recognized among the nation's Best Law Firms by *U.S. News & World Report* and *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Estes Thorne & Carr Among Dallas' Largest Women-Owned Businesses

News

Dallas litigation boutique Estes Thorne & Carr PLLC has been recognized among the 100 largest women-owned businesses in North Texas by the *Dallas Business Journal*.

Quarles & Brady Partner Receives Niels Friedrichs Legacy Award

News

W. David Braun, partner in Quarles & Brady's Chicago office, will receive the Niels Friedrichs Legacy Award from the German-American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest (GACC Midwest).

Godwin Bowman & Martinez Promotes Two to Shareholder, One to Senior Counsel

News

Godwin Bowman & Martinez PC announced the promotion of senior attorneys Elisaveta "Leiza" Dolghih and Laci Bowman to shareholders and Stefanie Major McGregor to senior counsel, effective Nov. 1.

Kilpatrick Townsend Partner

is Shot and Killed Outside Home

News

James Gilliland was a partner at Kilpatrick Townsend and Stockton LLP in San Francisco, where he headed litigation from 2013 to 2015.

Wells Fargo to Pay $50 Million to Settle Home Appraisal Overcharges

News

Wells Fargo has agreed to pay $50 million to settle a class-action lawsuit that accused the bank of overcharging hundreds of thousands of homeowners for appraisals ordered after the homeowners defaulted on their mortgage loans, reports *The New York Times*.

Boston Law Firm Accused of Massive Straw-Donor Scheme

News

Members of a 10-partner law firm in Boston made contributions to political campaigns with money that was reimbursed dollar-

for-dollar by the firm, according to a report.

Webinar: Survey Says Executive Pay Incentives Matter, but the Devil is in the Details

Event, Nov. 10, 2 p.m. EST

Pearl Meyer's annual fall survey of senior executives and compensation committee members, Pearl Meyer On Point: Looking Ahead to Executive Pay Practices in 2017, looks into pay level expectations and potential changes to annual and long-term incentive plans

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Marcos G. Ronquillo Joins Renamed Fishman Jackson Ronquillo in Dallas

News

Business law and trial attorney Marcos G. Ronquillo has joined Fishman Jackson, PLLC, as a name partner in the newly renamed Fishman Jackson Ronquillo, PLLC, in Dallas.

Farrell Fritz Receives Tier 1 Ranking in U.S. News Law Firm Ranking

News

For the fifth consecutive year, Farrell Fritz has received a Tier 1 Ranking by Best Lawyers. The listing will be in the 2017 Edition of U.S. News – Best Lawyers' "Best Law Firms."