Roy Moore, Alabama Chief Justice, Suspended Over Gay Marriage Order

News

The chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, Roy S. Moore, was suspended on Friday for the remainder of his term in office for ordering the state's probate judges to defy federal court orders on same-sex marriage, reports *The New York Times*.

Salesforce Pushes Regulators to Block Microsoft's LinkedIn Deal

News

The combative remarks hint at a renewed chill in the relationship between Salesforce and Microsoft," writes CNN's Seth Fiegerman.

Disbarred Lawyer Pleads Guilty in 'Gone Girl'

Kidnapping Case

News

A California man, described as a Harvard-educated lawyer who was later disbarred, pleaded guilty Thursday in a federal court to an elaborate kidnapping that law enforcement had initially branded a hoax, reports NPR.

Trump Foundation Lacks Certification Required for Charities That Solicit Money

News

The Washington Post is reporting that the charitable Donald J. Trump Foundation – which has been sustained for years by donors outside the Trump family – has never obtained the certification that New York requires before charities can solicit money from the public, according to the state attorney general's office.

Newly Organized Employer Must Bargain Discretionary

Employee Discipline Pre-First Contract

Insight

Jackson Lewis reports that, prior to entering into a first contract, an employer has a statutory obligation to bargain with the union that represents its employees before imposing discretionary "serious discipline" (such as suspension, demotion, or discharge) on any of those employees, the National Labor Relations Board again has held.

Contract 'Term' Raises Legal and Practical Issues

Insight

The term of a contract is one of the most basic questions with regard to any agreement, but drafting provisions regarding the "Term" raises multiple issues, both legal and practical, write Peter M. Watt-Morse and Cindy L. Dole in the Sourcing blog at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP.

Arbitration Clauses in Consumer Contracts: Is There

Change Afoot?

Insight

Many state and federal government representatives, judges, politicians, and interest groups have been speaking up about arbitration, and some have publicly pulled away from upholding universal “forced arbitration,” according to an article posted by Newsome Melton.

Additional Insured By Written Contract Clause Construed to Bar Coverage

Insight

The language of an additional insured clause may make all the difference as to whether a party is covered as an additional insured or not, writes Larry P. Schiffer in Squire Patton Boggs’ Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes blog.

A Reminder of the Seriousness of Drafting and Interpreting Contracts

Insight

Constant vigilance, skilled lawyering and good deal-making

skills remain critical to the proper drafting of contractual arrangements, points out Glenn West in a post on Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP's Global Private Equity Watch.

Which Firms Give In-House Counsel Nightmares?

News

BTI Consulting Group has published the results of its 2017 "Fearsome Foursome" survey, in which 300 general counsel named which law firms they would least like to see as opposing counsel.

By Taking Back Money, Wells Fargo's Board Seems to Recall Its Role

News

The company announced late Tuesday that Stumpf would forfeit approximately $41 million worth of stock awards, forgo his salary during the inquiry and receive no bonus for 2016.

Ethics Issues in International Arbitration

Event, Oct. 6, 1 p.m. EDT

Practical Law will present a webinar titled “Ethics Issues in International Arbitration” on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 1-2:30 p.m. EDT.

Houston Gunman Was a Good Lawyer, Former Law Partner Says

News

The Washington Post reports that Nathan DeSai was was wearing military clothes and Nazi emblems during the attack, and was carrying nearly 2,600 rounds of ammunition inside a Porsche convertible parked at the scene.

WB Mills, PLLC, Expands Practice with New North Dallas Office

News

WB Mills, PLLC, announces the expansion of the practice with a

new office located in North Dallas, starting operations on Oct. 1.

Construction Litigator Kim Ashby Joins Foley in Orlando

News

Foley & Lardner LLP announced that Kim Ashby has joined the firm's Construction Litigation Practice as partner in the Orlando office. Ashby work in complex construction law includes a focus on appellate work.

Bloomberg Law Slates Big Law Business Summit – West

Event, Oct. 27, 1:30-6 p.m. PDT

Big Law, chief legal officers, outside counsel, and those serving legal departments around the world are invited to discuss challenges and share ideas about the legal industry at Bloomberg Law's Big Law Business Summit – West.

Wells Fargo Customers May Never See Their Day in Court, Experts Say

News

Mandatory arbitration contract clauses may protect the bank from class-action suits brought by customers who had bank or credit card accounts opened in their names without their knowledge, reports NBC News.

Folksy SC Lawyer Stares Down Duke Energy, Other Utility Giants

News

Frank Holleman never thought he'd become a nationally recognized authority on coal ash, a toxin-riddled waste that has power companies under scrutiny across the country, but five years after taking a job with a regional conservation group, Holleman is perhaps the one person utilities hate to see coming, writes Sammy Fretwell for The State of Columbia, S.C.

Additional Insured By Written Contract Clause Construed to Bar Coverage

Insight

New York courts will interpret insurance policies based on the plain meaning of the words used by the parties and will not alter the contracts for equitable reasons if the language is clear and unambiguous, writes Larry P. Schiffer of Squire Patton Boggs.

Beware of the Tax Traps of Employer-Owned Life Insurance Contracts

Insight

In closely held businesses, it is common practice to provide for the succession of the business upon the death of an owner, writes Mitchell Goldberg of Berger & Singerman.