Circuit Split Widens Over Enforceability of Arbitration Agreements Containing Class/Collective Action Waivers

Insight

Polsinelli shareholder James C. Sullivan writes about how unsettled the law is on employer/employee arbitration provisions containing class/collective action waivers.

ExxonMobil Accounting Practices Probed By New York Attorney General

News

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman is investigating why Exxon Mobil Corp. hasn’t written down the value of its assets, two years into a pronounced crash in oil prices, reports *The Wall Street Journal*.

Federal Circuit Affirms Disqualification of Counsel, Dismissal of Patent Complaint

News

The Federal Circuit has affirmed a Western District of Texas decision disqualifying counsel for plaintiff Dynamic 3D Geosolutions LLC and dismissing its patent infringement complaint Schlumberger Ltd. without prejudice, reports IPWatchdog.

Deutsche Bank Rebuffs $14 Billion Settlement Demand in U.S. Mortgage Probe

News

Deutsche Bank AB is saying it has no intention of paying the U.S. Justice Department’s demand of $14 billion to settle high-profile probes into its packaging of mortgages in the run-up to the financial crisis, reports MarketWatch.

Court Upholds Enforceability

of ‘Clickwrap’ Employee Agreement

Insight

If you want your electronic contracts to be enforceable, it is a best practice to require the counterparty to affirmatively accept the contract by checking a box or clicking a button, write Nikita A. Tuckett and Aaron Rubin on Morrison & Foerster LLP’s Socially Aware blog.

Strengthening the Board’s Oversight of M&A

Insight>

The National Association of Corporate Directors has made available a free executive summary of “Director Essentials: Strengthening the Oversight of M&A.”

White Paper: Electronic Signature Security & Trust

Insight

It is important to make sure your electronic signature provider meets the highest security standards, according to a white paper from eSignLive. Security is at the core of a

trusted digital experience between you, your employees and customers.

Trump Volunteers Must Sign Onerous Agreement to Work Online Phone Bank

Insight

A legal question to ask is what is the consideration – what does the volunteer get – in return for signing this broad agreement?

Deans & Lyons Attorneys Honored Among Best in Texas

News

Six attorneys from the Texas trial law firm Deans & Lyons, LLP, have earned selection to the 2016 Texas Super Lawyers listing.

Dollars and Sense: A Real-Time Look at the Financial Performance of the Legal Industry in 2016

Event, Sept. 21, 1 p.m. EDT

Practical Law and competitive intelligence platform Peer Monitor will present a free webinar titled “Dollars and Sense: A Real-Time Look at the Financial Performance of the Legal Industry in 2016.”

Use Contract Management, Analytics to Accelerate Digital Transformation

On-Demand

SpringCM has posted a free on-demand webinar discussing contract lifecycle management, including the capabilities as well as the benefits of implementation.

Burden of Proof in Copyright

Infringement Matters

Insight

In a civil copyright infringement claim, many users of copyrighted material are surprised to learn that once the copyright owner has demonstrated that it owns a copyright in the work, the burden shifts to the copyright user to demonstrate that it had the right to use the work in the way it was using it.

Case Study: How Brandwatch Uses A.I. to Speed Up Contract Review

Insight

LawGeex has published a case study showing how social media company Brandwatch uses artificial intelligence to reduce costs and speed up the contract review process.

House Democrats Ask for Justice Investigation as New York AG Looks Into Trump

Foundation

News

The committee’s Democrats allege that the donation in 2013 “may have influenced Mrs. Bondi’s official decision not to participate in litigation against Mr. Trump,” and asks Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch to explore whether federal bribery or other laws might have been violated

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SEC Takes Aim at GC for Response to DOJ Investigation

News

The Securities and Exchange Commission has filed civil fraud charges against the general counsel of Ohio-based chemical company RPM for allegedly mishandling the response to a U.S. Department of Justice investigation, Bloomberg Law reports.

Mike Lynch’s Invoke Capital Aims to Replace M&A Lawyers With Robots

News

Venture firm Invoke Capital is betting that a startup using artificial intelligence to “think like a lawyer” can automate

due diligence in mergers and acquisitions and replace the armies of lawyers needed to close billion-dollar deals, reports Bloomberg Law.

What Are the Signs Your Law Firm Needs Process Improvement?

Insight

In a white paper, consultant George Dunn discusses the signs that a law firm needs process improvement in maintaining good relationships with clients.

The Buyer's Guide to Contract Lifecycle Management Software

Insight

ContractWorks offers a free guide to selecting the appropriate contract lifecycle management software.

Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson Attorneys Selected to 2016 Texas Super Lawyers List

News

Name partners Richard Orsinger, Keith Nelson, Scott Downing and Jeffrey Anderson have earned a place on the list of the top family law attorneys every year since Texas Super Lawyers was established in 2003.

Akerman Announces Chairman and CEO Succession Plan

News

David I. Spector has been elected to become the new chairman and CEO of Akerman LLP. He will succeed Andrew M. Smulian.