37 Gardere Attorneys From Texas, Colorado Named to 2016 Super Lawyers Lists

News

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP announces that 36 of the firm's Texas attorneys have been recognized on the 2016 Texas Super Lawyers list, and Denver partner Leonard M. MacPhee was named to the 2016 Colorado Super Lawyers list.

The Contractual Complications of Pied Piper of HBO's 'Silicon Valley'

Insight

In an article on the ContractRoom blog, Katie Cook describes all the complicated plot lines of HBO's "Silicon Valley" in relation to contracts.

Negotiating Software Contracts – Indemnification

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Insight

Stephen F. Pinson of Scott & Scott, LLP discusses questions that licensors and licensees should ask when negotiating an indemnification provision within a software contract.

LawGeex Launches A.I. Contract Review for In-House Counsel

Insight

LawGeex has launched new A.I. Contract Review technology designed to read, review and understand contracts.

Webcast: Introduction to Digital Transformation with Electronic Signatures

Event, Sept. 21, 2 p.m. EDT

eSignLive by Vasco is sponsoring an online presentation providing an overview of the basic terminology, concepts, and laws related to electronic signatures and answer the most frequently asked questions on the topic.

How Ransomware Became a Billion-Dollar Nightmare for Businesses

News

The FBI says ransomware attacks cost their victims a total of $209 million in the first three months of 2016, up from $24 million in all of 2015. And the real number could be much higher if unreported attacks are considered, reports *The Atlantic*.

Webinar: How to Comply with New FLSA Requirements

Event, Sept. 22, 1 p.m. EDT

New Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) regulations will go into effect on Dec. 2, updating the salary and compensation levels for exempt employees, impacting millions of salaried workers.

Oil Producers Can Avoid

Earthquake Potential over Disposal Wells

Insight

Contracting out the disposal of oil and gas well wastewater may not totally free producers from a potential lawsuit given the recent widespread publicity about earthquakes, says Leonard Dougal, an environmental lawyer with Jackson Walker LLP in Austin.

Treasury Strikes Back: Proposed Regulations Target Valuation Discounts for Family Businesses

Insight

The Treasury Department has released proposed regulations that seek to eliminate valuation discounts for interests in family-controlled entities, according to an Arnold & Porter article.

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10 Ways Employers Can Curb

Intermittent FMLA Leave Abuse

Insight

Family Medical Leave Act regulations provide a number of tools that employers can utilize to curb FMLA leave abuse within the workplace, writes Melissa Dials, of counsel at the Cleveland office of Fisher Phillips for the Ohio State Bar Association.

What Clinton Won't Say: Whether Garland Is Her High Court Pick

News

The Democratic presidential candidate has studiously avoided saying whether she would renominate Garland for the vacancy if it is still pending next year, writes Bloomberg's Greg Stohr.

Nationwide Layoff Watch: Mass In-House Layoffs After Mega-Merger

News

SABMiller has confirmed that at least 35 in-house lawyers will be made redundant upon the finalisation of its merger with Anheuser-Busch InBev in October.

Do More Heads Need to Roll at Wells Fargo?

News

During the past decade, only a few top executives at many U.S. and European banks have lost their jobs due to numerous scandals going back to the financial crisis, CNN Money reports.

Lawsuit Claims Paramount Pictures Cheated Star-Studded Film

News

Producers of motion picture “Middle Men,” a drama about the birth of the business of internet pornography, filed a breach of contract lawsuit against Paramount Pictures claiming the movie studio failed to properly promote, distribute, and pay royalties on the film.

Reviewing Third-Party Vendor Service Contracts, a Seven-Part Guide

Insight

Vendor contracts come in many different shapes and sizes and may affect everything from back office processing, internet delivery systems, use of the “cloud” to the people watering the plants at the branch, writes Jerry Blanchard of Bryan Cave LLP.

Patent Infringement Claim Exempts Related Counterclaims from Mandatory Arbitration

Insight

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit determined that a defendant’s breach of contract counterclaims were related to the plaintiff’s patent infringement claims and thus were exempt from compulsory arbitration under the supply agreement. reports Andrea Coronado for McDermott Will & Emery.

After the Storm – Key Force Majeure Issues in Contracts

Insight

Many contractual provisions and some statutory provisions require a party that is claiming force majeure to notify the other parties to the contract of the event of force majeure, write Raedtha A. Vasquez and Edward Hart Bergin, partners in Jones Walker LLP.

SEC Continues to Limit Language in Employment-Related Contracts

Insight

The SEC has rejected language in severance agreements requiring employees to waive rights to receive additional monetary recovery, particularly awards for providing information to government enforcement agencies, reports Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart.

Freeborn Launches

Environmental Law & Toxic Torts Practice Group

News

Environmental lawyer Philip Comella has joined Freeborn & Peters LLP to head the firm's newly formed Environmental Law & Toxic Torts Practice Group. He previously worked in-house for a major waste-management company and 22 years at a large law firm.

Wilson Elser's Albany Office to Focus on Business Litigation, Government Affairs

News

Wilson Elser announced that its Albany office, formerly known for its lobbying/government relations practice, will refocus its business on the firm's core services – commercial and civil litigation and corporate transactions.