Law Firms Offer Unlimited Vacation, Paid ‘Global Experience’ to Lure Recruits

News

Some big law firms are offering benefit packages that include flexible schedules, child care and elderly care assistance, student loan assistance programs, paid parental leave, unlimited paid vacation, private banking, subsidized gym membership and career and family coaching services, reports Bloomberg Law.

Lawyer Accused of Fraud By U.S. in BP Oil Spill Case is Acquitted

News

Reuters is reporting that prominent Texas lawyer Mikal Watts was acquitted on Thursday of charges he made up thousands of fake clients to sue BP Plc for damages that the oil company caused in the 2010 Gulf of Mexico spill, court records show.

Indemnification in Commercial Agreements – What is It and Should You Be Concerned About It?

Insight

A broad indemnification that may have been reasonable for a startup company to provide will not be viewed favorably when the applicable contract is assigned to an acquiring company that has more assets at risk if there is an indemnification claim, writes Susan M. Hartman of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney.

Arbitration Saves Money and Patents in International Disputes

Insight

If parties to a license or industry dispute resolution agreement devote appropriate time and effort to preparing an arbitration provision to meet their specific objectives, arbitration can be a valuable tool in resolving patent disputes, writes Kirk Watkins of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP.

Let’s Make A Deal – What You Should Know About Letters Of Intent

Insight

Whether you are leasing real estate or buying or selling a business or real estate, the letter of intent (LOI) is the usual and practical initial step, writes Bernard B. Kolodner for Kleinbard LLC.

Insurance, Indemnification, and Limitation of Liability Provisions in Business Contracts

Insight

“Fundamentally, the purpose of insurance, indemnification, and limitation clauses is to allocate risks,” writes Kenneth Gorenberg of Barnes & Thornburg LLP.

Law Firm to Investigate Cause

of Fire at Sunoco Facility

News

Two workers injured in a flash fire at the Sunoco Logistics terminal in Nederland, Texas, have retained Provost Umphrey law firm to represent their interests.

Survey Highlights Outsourcing Growth, Disconnect Over Billing and Communication Issues

Insight

The 2016 IADC Inside/Outside Counsel Relationship Survey reveals information about the growth of legal services outsourcing and related trends, as well as areas in which lawyers on both sides see room for improvement, including billing and budgets, and communications.

Neal Gerber Eisenberg to Add Finance Partner David

Milligan to Corporate & Securities Practice

News

Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP has added David P. Milligan as partner. Milligan joins the firm from Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

Nine Farrell Fritz Partners Named to *The Best Lawyers in America 2017*

News

Nine partners in Farrell Fritz have been recognized in The Best Lawyers in America 2017.

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61 Gardere Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America 2017*

News

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP announces that 61 of the firm's attorneys have been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2017* edition.

East Texas Attorney Johnny Ward of Ward, Smith & Hill Earns National Honors

News

Longtime East Texas lawyer Johnny Ward of Longview's Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC, once again has been named among the country's top attorneys in the latest edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

2016 Best Legal Blog Contest – Nomination Period Is Now Open

News

Blogs will compete for rank within their category, and the top three blogs in any category that receive the most votes will receive prizes

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Comprehensive Study: How Third-Party Risks are Managed Within Organizations

Survey

Participants in the study beingn conducted by Phase 5, an independent market research firm, will receive complimentary copies of the final report.

Is $88,500 Salary Too Much for a Deputy General Counsel?

News

Bloomberg Law examines a lawsuit involving U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, who is the target of an attempt to recover salary Foxx collected during his three-and-a-half year tenure as a now-defunct company’s deputy general counsel.

Kentucky AG Sues Johnson & Johnson Over Transvaginal Mesh Marketing

News

CNN is reporting that Kentucky’s attorney general is suing

health-care giant Johnson & Johnson for millions of dollars, saying the company “concealed and misrepresented” the risk of its transvaginal mesh products to doctors and patients.

Higher Fees Increase Law Firm Revenue by 4.1 Percent

News

An increase in revenue for law firms in the first half of this year came largely from higher lawyer billing rates rather than greater demand for services, *The New York Times* reports, citing Citi Private Bank’s quarterly report on the legal industry.

DLA Piper Adds Energy Attorney Andrea Chambers to Firm’s DC Office

News

Andrea Chambers has joined DLA Piper in Washington, D.C. Chambers has extensive experience on matters before the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) and has advised clients regarding wholesale electric energy markets, natural gas pipelines, electric transmission facilities, storage infrastructure, and ratemaking and tariffs.

Quarles & Brady Attorneys Named in The Best Lawyers in America 2017

News

The national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP announced that 168 attorneys have been selected by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2017.

115 Dykema Lawyers Listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2017

News

115 Dykema attorneys, in multiple practice areas and markets, have been recognized in The Best Lawyers in America 2017 guide. Additionally, 14 of the firm’s practitioners have been named Best Lawyers 2017 “Lawyer of the Year,” a special distinction conferred upon a single lawyer within a practice area and metropolitan market.