5 Writing Tips for Every Contract You Draft

Insight

The CEB Blog article offers advice on five writing tips that can apply to any type of contract: don't use legalese, avoid ambiguity, don't use sexist language, use consistent terminolog, and avoid redundancy.

Allstate Joins In-House Furor Over Associate Raises

News

Allstate's general counsel warns of the potential for the salary increases to be more than a law firm's cost structure can handle, leading to the costs getting passed on to clients, reports Sara Randazzo of *The Wall Street Journal*.

Trump Bankruptcy Math Doesn't Add Up

News

Over the course of 18 years, Trump's companies went into reorganization six times – five times in New Jersey, where he had his casino holdings, and once in New York, reports Tom

Winter for NBC News.

Report: VW to Pay About $10.2B to Settle Emissions Claims

News

USA Today is reporting that German automaker Volkswagen Group is expected to deliver a $10 billion settlement to cover government fines and compensate owners of vehicles fitted with software that cheated emissions standards.

Get Your China Contracts Written In Chinese, Not Translated

Insight

The only people who can truly know how to use specialized and particular words and terms are lawyers who know both China's contract laws and who are completely fluent in written and spoken Chinese, writes Dan Harris on Harris & Moure's China Law Blog.

Benchmarking Your Compliance Program

Insight

Compliance professionals and auditors should monitor this promised guidance from the Justice Department's Fraud Division on how it proposes to evaluate the existence and effectiveness of individual corporate compliance plans, writes Jose Tabuena.

California Employment Law Update

Event, July 20, 12 p.m. PDT

Hatmaker Law Group will present a free one-hour webinar covering new laws passed during 2016 impacting California employers and legislation pending on the horizon.

Foley Adds Experienced White Collar Litigator in Chicago

News

Foley & Lardner LLP announced today that Zaldwaynaka (Z) Scott has joined the firm's Government Enforcement, Compliance &

White Collar Practice as a partner in the Chicago office.

Brian P. Corrigan Joins Farrell Fritz's Estate Litigation Department as Partner

News

Brian P. Corrigan recently joined Farrell Fritz's estate litigation department as a partner.

Supreme Court Rejects Challenge to Patent Review Process

News

The ruling is seen as a victory for technology companies like Apple and Google, which have used the procedures to invalidate patents they believed to be weak.

Watchdog Group Denied Depositions in Third Clinton Email Case

News

The ruling gives some relief to the State Department and Clinton, which have both been the subject of intense scrutiny over the private email setup that the former secretary of State used throughout her time in the Obama administration, reports *The Hill*.

Law Firms are Already Inside Some US Wal-Marts

News

Evan Kaine, a personal injury attorney in Atlanta, wanted to offer his firm's services to the 80 percent of all low-income Americans who have unmet civil legal needs, so he opened offices in local Wal-Mart stores, according to a report in the *ABA Journal*.

Contract Indemnity and Duty

to Defend vs. Insurance Duty to Defend

Insight

An explicit contractual duty to defend against allegations of negligence or breach by the indemnitor may well be construed to require such a defense from the outset, even when parties are still arguing over ultimate liability, writes Stan Martin of Commonsense Construction Law LLC.

What U.S. GCs Should Know About Drafting International Arbitration Clauses

Insight

Kevin Perry and Joanne Elieli of of Cooley offer some insight for American general counsel on the drafting of international arbitration clauses, covering preliminary considerations and specific drafting issues.

National Insurance Coverage Team Joins Wilson Elser

News

National law firm Wilson Elser announced that a national

insurance coverage team of 11 attorneys has joined Wilson Elser in three offices – Chicago, Los Angeles and New Jersey.

Managing Risk in Supply Agreements: Perspectives from Both Sides of the Border

Event, June 23, 1 p.m. EDT

The webinar will cover risks associated with supply agreements; tools counsel can use to assist clients in managing such risks; and tips for addressing, limiting, and resolving disputes.

Survey of International Litigation Procedures: A Reference Guide

Reference Guide

The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) Foundation has published its first Survey of International Litigation Procedures: A Reference Guide that offers an overview of the civil justice systems of 49 countries, including key aspects of litigation in each jurisdiction.

Gardere Partner Michelle Schulz Named Co-Chair of Firm’s International Practice

News

Partner Michelle Schulz has been named co-chair of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP’s international practice, effective immediately. She will lead the group alongside co-chair and partner Charles E. Meacham in Houston.

Ex-Countrywide CEO Mozilo Will Not Face U.S. Fraud Case

News

Reuters is reporting that former Countrywide Financial Corp CEO Angelo Mozilo and other executives will not face a U.S. Justice Department lawsuit for defrauding investors in mortgage-backed securities issued before the 2008 financial crisis.

Webcast: Authenticating E-Signature Transactions

Event, June 23, 2 p.m. EDT

Remote e-signature transactions are becoming the norm as mobile customers continue to demand service on their terms – anytime, anywhere. But how do you know exactly who you are transacting with?