Dallas-Based Trial Law Firm Deans & Lyons Expands to Houston

News

Dallas-based trial law firm Deans & Lyons, LLP, is expanding its Texas footprint with the addition of five prominent trial attorneys in the firm’s newly opened Houston office at 1001 Fannin St., Suite 1925.

The State of Appeals at the USPTO, and How to Win Them with Big Data

Article

Once a practitioner determines that an appeal is the most advantageous response to a final rejection, big data can then guide him or her through the entire process of arguing that appeal, writes James Cosgrove of Juristat.

Damage Control: Common Errors

in Contractually Limiting Damages

Article

“Damage control” provisions are not one-size-fits-all, writes Theresa Y. Kananen for Arnall Golden Gregory LLP. While form agreements can be a good starting point, provisions limiting, or even eliminating, contractual damages must be considered on a case-by-case basis, and tailored to the terms of your particular deal.

Governance Challenges 2016: M&A Oversight

White Paper

The NACD report addresses the importance of early board engagement in strategy, the need for proactive dialogue with all key stakeholders, and the imperative to balance short-term and long-term goals throughout the M&A process.

Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas Announces Recipients of 16th

Annual Women's Advocacy Awards

Event, July 12, 6 p.m. CDT

The Women's Advocacy Awards supports civil legal aid for victims of domestic violence. Each year, the WAA recognizes exceptional advocacy on behalf of women living in poverty. This year's event will be held at 6 p.m., July 12, 2016, in Arlington Hall at Lee Park.

Cravath Raises Associate Base Salaries to $180,000

News

Above the Law is reporting that BigLaw firm Cravath, Swaine & Moore has hiked salaries for associates – ranging from $180,000 for first-year associates to $315,000 for eighth-years.

A Better D&O Questionnaire – Learn How

White Paper

The Center for Board Excellence is offering a free whitepaper that describes moving the directors and officers questionnaire

process to a dynamic online system.

Did Disgruntled Partners Lead To The Dewey Prosecution?

News

A new filing in the re-trial of former Dewey & LeBoeuf chief financial officer Joel Sanders and former executive director Stephen DiCarmine alleges that two former Dewey partners put pressure upon the Manhattan District Attorney's office to look into the financials of the failed firm, reports Kathryn Rubino in Above the Law.

Oil and Gas Unitization: Specific Considerations for Cross-Border Unitization

Article

In a cross-border unitization, special scrutiny may be necessary due to the complexities and limitations that arise due the reservoir being subject to the jurisdiction of two governments, write Philip Weems and Nina Howell of King & Spalding..

Supreme Court’s Discharge Exception Ruling Gives Creditors More Options

Article

The U.S. Supreme Court recently determined that the nondischargeability of debts under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2)(A), which prohibits discharge of debts “obtained by . . . false pretenses, a false representation, or actual fraud,” does not require a false representation, reports Brian Hockett of Thompson Coburn.

Alcohol-Related Workplace Injuries Recordable, OSHA Says

Article

Employers are not exempt from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s reporting rule for on-the-job injuries linked to alcohol intoxication even though the injured employee’s consumption of alcoholic beverages took place off the job, reports Bradford T. Hammock of Jackson Lewis.

Contract Drafting in Complex Sourcing Deals: Reading What You Write

Article

Contracts for complex sourcing deals are problematically big and often written in a style that doesn't speak to the people who should be reading them, write Edward J. Hansen and Christopher C. Archer of Morgan Lewis.

The Contract Isn't Signed, a Few Issues Remain, the Work is Done; Now What?

Article

Parties who allow the schedule to control performance without resolving the paperwork could find themselves in a mess, particularly if the back-and-forth on contract terms never stops, writes Stan Martin of Commonsense Construction Law.

A Guide for the Public

Company Compensation Committee

Article

In the post Compensation Season 2016, the authors identified key considerations for compensation committees in the upcoming compensation season.

These Two Decisions Highlight How Scalia's Absence Has Affected the Court

News

The lack of a majority is problematic when it leaves a split in the circuits and when it creates confusion in the law. This is what happened in two cases that came down on May 16, writes law school dean Erwin Chemerinsky in the *ABA Journal*.

Trump's Personal, Racially Tinged Attacks on Federal Judge Alarm Legal Experts

News

Donald Trump's attacks on a federal judge overseeing a pair of

lawsuits against him have set off a wave of alarm among legal experts, who worry that the Republican presidential candidate's vendetta signals a remarkable disregard for judicial independence, reports *The Washington Post*.

North Carolina Blue Cross and Blue Shield Sues U.S. Over Health-Care Payments

News

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina sued the federal government, becoming the latest health insurer to claim it is owed money under the Affordable Care Act, according to a report in *The Wall Street Journal*.

Discrimination Lawsuit Against Mintz Levin Can Move Forward, Judges Rule

News

A discrimination lawsuit brought against high-powered Boston law firm Mintz Levin by one of its former attorneys can move forward after a decision by the state's highest court, reports *The Boston Globe*.

Litigating the Meaning of Contract Language? Consider Retaining an Expert

Article

A new article published by Ken Adams, president of Adams Contracts Consulting LLC, explains how to reduce the chances of the confusion that results when a judge or litigator without a grounding in the subject analyzes ostensibly ambiguous contract language.

Federal Circuit Clarifies ‘Accrual’ of Claims under Contract Disputes Act

Article

Timeliness is critical when submitting claims to the government, or any contracting party, for that matter—public or private, writes Brian Dobbs for Bass, Berry & Sims PLC.