Court Rules Insurer's Privacy Policy Can Give Rise to Breach of Contract Claim

Article

The process of issuing an insurance policy, either directly or through an employer group, requires care and deliberate action when it comes to issues of proper integration, documentation and transmittal.

What Parts of a Legal Practice Can Be Automated?

Article

An article on the website of ContractRoom considers some of the advanced legal technology options that exist to assist in most of the daily functions of practicing law today.

Disruption in Legal Service Delivery: What it Means and How it Benefits You

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Bjarne Tellmann asserts that the paradox of the massive

increase in necessary legal work due to new legislation and regulation – coupled with fewer jobs for attorneys – is foundation for disruption in the practice.

U.S. State Prosecutors Met With Climate Groups As Exxon Probes Expanded

News

A coalition of U.S. state attorneys general received guidance from well-known climate scientists and environmental lawyers in March as some of them opened investigations into Exxon Mobil for allegedly misleading the public about climate change risks, documents seen by Reuters showed, Reuters is reporting.

Texas Power Players Sit Out Political Opposition to Clean Power Plan

Article

Some Texas energy companies are not joining the effort to block the Obama administration from implementing its new clean power regulations, reports Mose Buchele for NPR.

The Department of Labor Issues Final Fiduciary Rules

Article

The final fiduciary rule amends and expands the definition of a fiduciary that provides “investment advice” to reflect changes in the financial industry and the state of investment advice as it exists today.

Are Electronically-Signed Contracts Enforceable?

Article

In the United States, the federal government has adopted the E-Sign Act, which states that a signature cannot be denied legal effect simply because it is made in an electronic form.

Microsoft Sues Feds, Challenging Gag Orders on

Customer-Data Seizures

News

Microsoft sued the U.S. government Thursday, arguing that a law that can prohibit technology companies from telling customers when law enforcement comes looking for their data is unconstitutional, reports *The Seattle Times*.

Reed Smith Merger Talks Fuel Discontent at Firm

News

Some lawyers at Reed Smith, already unhappy about low morale, attorney layoffs and lateral losses, voiced their displeasure at the way the firm's potential merger with Pepper Hamilton was announced, according to a report on Above the Law.

Disbarred KC Lawyer Pleads Guilty in $1.2 Million Theft From St. Luke's Health System

News

A recently disbarred Kansas City lawyer pleaded guilty Wednesday to embezzling more than $1.2 million from St. Luke's Health System, reports *The Kansas City Star*.

Creating Value From Long-Term Bets

Article

Longevity is particularly important for innovation because time and sustained investment are needed to solve really tough problems. To help explain why, he considers an example from the history of his company.

Court Won’t Enjoin Physician Who Breached Non-Compete and Consented to Injunction

Article

When his former employer asked a Providence, Rhode Island Superior Court judge to enter an injunction, the judge refused to prevent patients from being treated by a doctor of their own choosing, reports Paul E. Freehling of Seyfarth Shaw on the firm’s Trading Secrets blog.

Agreements to Arbitrate Are Simple, Right?

Article

The protracted time for a construction case to get to trial and the attendant cost and expense has led the construction bar away from the courthouse and into the arbitration room, writes Ira M. Schulman of Pepper Hamilton LLP.

U.S. Treasury Issues Report on the Economic Effects of Non-Compete Contracts

Article

The Treasury Department is concerned that the prevalence of non-compete agreements raises important questions about worker welfare, job mobility, business dynamics, and economic growth.

HIPAA Compliance for Business Associates: How to Gain and Retain Clients

Event, April 21, 2 p.m. EDT

Compliance Group will present a complimentary webinar on HIPA

compliancy for business associates Thursday, April 21,

Reed Smith and Pepper Hamilton Are in Merger Talks

News

The global law firm Reed Smith is in talks to combine with the smaller Pepper Hamilton of Philadelphia, the firms confirmed, according to a report on Bloomberg BNA.

Lawyer Who Stole From Clients Gets 46-Month Max; Ex-Clients Say It Isn’t Enough Prison Time

News

A Georgia lawyer who admitted to stealing hundreds of thousands from clients was sentenced to nearly four years in prison and ordered to pay restitution, reports *The Florida Times-Union*.

Trump’s Own Beltway Establishment Guy: The Curious Journey of Jones Day’s Don McGahn

News

Donald Trump’s campaign lawyer, Donald F. McGahn II, the former chairman of the Federal Election Commission and a partner in Jones Day, will be instrumental in helping the candidate navigate the labyrinthine delegate and convention rules as the Republican presidential nomination fight enters the home stretch.

Webinar: Why Strategic HR is Crucial Now, and How to Get Started

Event, April 19, 2 p.m. EDT

BanbooHR will present a complimentary webinar designed to help companies’ human relations departments become more strategic to solve more imminent business problems.

Gardere Partner Cindy Nelson Named Chair of Firm’s Hospitality Industry Team

News

Partner Cynthia Brotman Nelson has been named chair of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP’s hospitality industry team, effective April 1.