Katz, Marshall & Banks Partner Co-Authors Whistleblower Law Practitioners Guide

News

Lisa J. Banks of Katz, Marshall & Banks and Jason Schwartz of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher are co-authors of “Whistleblower Law: A Practitioner’s Guide,” which covers whistleblower law and issues facing practitioners from both sides of the whistleblower bar.

Bernard Gaffney Joins Wilson Elser’s Hartford Office

News

Bernard Gaffney has joined theWilson Elser’s Hartford, Connecticut, office as of counsel.

Are Artificial-Intelligence Software Audits Around the

Corner?

Article

Recent weeks have seen a number of news reports and announcements indicating that the Next Big Thing for audits – financial audits, at least, for the time being – is the use of artificial intelligence technologies to facilitate the analysis of large volumes of data in the context of audit-related activities.

Former Reading Int'l GC Joins Akerman Los Angeles Office

News

Veteran real estate lawyer William "Bill" Ellis has joined Akerman LLP's Los Angeles office as a partner in the Real Estate Practice Group.

U.S. Judge Orders Deposition of Bernard Madoff

News

A federal judge has ordered Bernard Madoff to submit to a deposition by lawyers for some former customers who lost money when the imprisoned swindler's firm collapsed in December 2008, Reuters reports.

Abbott Wins in $1 Billion Trial Over Marketing of Stents

News

Abbott Laboratories didn’t cause medical providers to submit false payment claims to Medicare for unapproved stents, a Texas jury ruled, thwarting a whistle-blower’s lawsuit seeking as much as $1 billion, reports Bloomberg.

Justice Department Sues to Block Merger of Halliburton and Baker Hughes

News

The Justice Department has sued to stop Halliburton Co. from acquiring oilfield services rival Baker Hughes, the Associated Press and CNBC are reporting.

CFTC Issues $10M Whistleblower Award

News

Awards like this one show whistleblowers that blowing the whistle is worth the risk, and will go a long way toward solidifying the CFTC Whistleblower Program," said Lisa J. Banks a partner in Katz, Marshall & Banks.

Akerman Continues Expansion in New York and Dallas

News

Akerman LLP has announced continuing growth in the New York and Dallas markets with the addition of new partners in both offices.

Gardere Promotes Four New Partners in Dallas, Houston

News

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP announces that attorneys Chris Deskin, Rick Jordan, Mike Seely and Glenn T. Singleton have been elected to partnership, effective April 1.

Technology Contracts and Boilerplate Language: Be Aware of the Pitfalls

Article

The most dangerous terms of a contract – the terms in the "boilerplate" – are often ignored and overlooked, writes Brad N. Mondschein in an article published on Pullman & Comley LLC's website.

Are they Worth Price of Paper They're Printed On? – Ubersization of Arbitration Clauses

Article

Vanessa L. Goddard, of counsel with Steptoe & Johnson, provides some tips that make arbitration agreements more likely to be upheld by courts in the employment context.

Why Smart Contracts Need Shrewder People

Article

The implementation of the contract requires no direct human involvement after the smart contract has been made a part of the distributed ledger, which makes these contracts “smart,” or autonomous.

Arbitration Under Fire: Brace for Less Contract Freedom and More Class Actions

Article

Encouraged by consumer groups and trial lawyers, federal regulators are pushing for limits on arbitration provisions in consumer contracts, writes George Calhoun in Ifrahlaw’s FTC Beat.

The 10 FBI Questions That Could End Clinton’s White

House Dreams

Commentary

The FBI’s upcoming interview of Hillary Clinton will be a turning point in the race for Democratic nominee, especially since Clinton won’t be able to speak to FBI director James Comey and his agents in the same manner her campaign has communicated with the public, writes H.A. Goodman in the Huffington Post.

Donald Trump Settled a Real Estate Lawsuit, and a Criminal Case Was Closed

News

A lawsuit claimed that Trump SoHo condo-hotel tower was developed with the undisclosed involvement of convicted felons and financing from questionable sources in Russia and Kazakhstan, the report states, *The New York Times* reports.

Exxxotica: Dallas Officials Knew What They Were Getting

When They Approved Porn Expo

News

Just days after the city of Dallas filed an R-rated defense of the City Council's vote to ban Exxxotica from the city-owned convention center, the porn expo has fired back that Dallas officials knew exactly what they were getting when they took the porn expo's $28,080 last year, reports *The Dallas Morning News*.

The Plaintiff's Attorney's Search for Driver Fatigue to Inflate Value of Case

Article

In any instance involving the tragic loss of life or serious injury in commercial truck collisions, extensive discovery is required and one of the critical areas focuses on proof of hours of service violations, writes Mark Perkins.

Director Compensation Report: 2015-16 Executive Highlights

Annual Report

the report provides a comprehensive overview of non-employee-

director pay practices across a wide range of industries and company sizes. The report also includes six leading practices for director compensation from the Report of the NACD Blue Ribbon Commission on Director Compensation.

Nine AZA Lawyers Named to *Rising Stars* List

News

Eight associates and a partner at Houston-based Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing have been named to the annual *Texas Rising Stars* list, which recognizes the top young attorneys in the state.