

# Corporate Law and Compliance: Three Priorities to Focus on in 2016

## *Article*

CEB has published an article discussing three areas where corporate legal and compliance professionals can make quicker and better decisions in 2016: data privacy, employees' legal IQ, and the risk of using third-party vendors.

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# E-Sign is Not Enough: Reduce Legal and Compliance Risk – White Paper

## *White Paper*

Businesses of all sizes are moving their customer transactions to the web. As the adoption of electronic signature technology grows, so does the number of e-signature solutions in the market,

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# Major Contract Settlements &

# Negotiations – December 2015

## *Article*

Winston & Strawn has compiled a list of more than 20 major news developments involving contract settlements and ongoing contract negotiation during the final month of 2015.

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## Winter 2015-2016 – Good Tidings Ahead?

### *On-Demand*

Platts has posted an on-demand webinar reviewing the natural gas markets winter-to-date and a taking forward look at the first quarter of 2016.

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## Insurance Partially Covers Merck's \$830 Million Vioxx Settlement

### *NEWS*

The company's cash payment for the settlement and fees will be about \$680 million after reimbursement from insurance policies, Merck said.

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# Goldman Sachs Says \$5.1 Billion Mortgage Settlement Will Knock \$1.5 Billion Off Q4 Earnings

## **NEWS**

Goldman Sachs Group on Thursday agreed to pay \$5.1 billion to end an investigation into its packaging of residential mortgage-backed securities in the run-up to the financial crisis, reports Forbes.

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# The Disturbing Legal Consequences Of Ted Cruz Birtherism

## **Commentary**

There is good evidence that the founding fathers would have understood the words “natural born citizen” to mean only people born within a nation’s borders, but there’s also strong evidence on the other side of the debate, according to an article published by ThinkProgress.

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# Citigroup's 4Q Earnings Rise Sharply, as Legal Expenses Drop

## **NEWS**

Citigroup said Friday that its profits jumped sharply in the fourth quarter, helped by lower legal and regulatory costs that hammered the bank in the fourth quarter of 2014, according to a report on ABC News.

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# Debate the Issues: Making Smart E-Discovery Decisions

## **Event, begins Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. PST**

E-discovery and legal experts will debate the five most controversial e-discovery issues from 2015 and help you stay informed with the latest information around these e-discovery topics.

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# Tips for Avoiding Pitfalls in Technology Contracts

## **Article**

The recent problems experienced by Finish Line should be instructive to all users and providers of technology products

and services, according to a report posted by FisherBroyles LLP.

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# Remedies for the Rogue Arbitrator

## *White Paper*

Most arbitrations run smoothly, the paper says, but “arbitrators should be ready for the exceptional case, which can be occasioned by another arbitrator or counsel.

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# Contractual Choice of Governing Law and Statutes of Limitations

## *Article*

The law you choose to govern your contract may not be the law that governs the applicable statute of limitations for claims arising under or related to that contract, writes Glenn West of Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

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# Wilson Elser Opens New Orleans Office with Lisa Africk at the Helm

## **NEWS**

National law firm Wilson Elser announced the opening of a New Orleans office, the firm's 30th U.S. office and the fourth opened in the past 12 months.

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# Hillary Clinton's Coming Legal Crisis

## **NEWS**

The latest release of Hillary Clinton emails entails real risks for her, according to a report published by RealClear Politics.

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# 'Affluenza' Teen's Mom Tonya Couch Released From Jail

## **NEWS**

Tonya Couch, the mother of "affluenza" teen Ethan Couch, was released from Tarrant County Jail in Texas today after a judge reduced her \$1 million bond to \$75,000.

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# 10 U.S. Sailors Detained By Iran Freed

## **NEWS**

Secretary of State John Kerry credited diplomatic strength and newly developed ties with Iran in helping secure the quick and safe release of 10 American sailors Wednesday, reports CNN.

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# Steven Avery Files Motion to Be Released

## **NEWS**

Steven Avery, the subject of the Netflix documentary "Making a Murderer," has filed several motions before the Wisconsin Court of Appeals seeking to be released on bond and making a variety of due process allegations.

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# Houston Trial Lawyer John Kim Debuts New Business Law Video

See the video here.

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# **Complimentary Highlights: NACD Public Company Governance Survey**

## ***Survey Results***

The National Association of Corporate Directors is offering a complimentary copy of highlights of its recently released the 2015-2016 NACD Public Company Governance Survey.

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# **Global M&A Roundup Shows 'Perfect Storm for Acquisition Finance'**

## ***White Paper***

Law firm Skadden Arps Slate Meagher holds on to the number one spot for deal value for another year while Latham & Watkins jumps from fourth to second last year.