

# The Case for Automating Statements of Work

## *Article*

While Statements of Work (SOWs) have been, and will continue to be a major part of the professional services framework, they can sometimes be a major barrier to properly scoping, estimating, completing, or even performing the work correctly, reports ContractRoom.

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# Texas Law Firm GODWIN PC Names R. Alan York Managing Shareholder, COO

## *NEWS*

GODWIN PC has named Houston appellate attorney and firm President R. Alan York as Managing Shareholder and Chief Operating Officer, effective January 6, 2016.

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# Even in The Cloud – Keep an Eye on Software Licensing

## *Article*

Even though some of the more technical requirements may no longer be the company's contractual obligation, the vendor's

failure to adhere to them can cause trouble.

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## **Lex Machina Details 2015 End-of-Year IP Trends**

### ***White Paper***

Lex Machina has published an article highlighting IP trends and data from 2015, covering litigation on patents, trademarks and copyrights.

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## **CFPB Proposes Banning Use of Pre-Dispute Arbitration Agreements in Consumer Class Actions**

### ***Article***

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has proposed prohibiting application of pre-dispute arbitration agreements to class litigation involving certain consumer financial products, according to a report published by Carlton Fields on its website.

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# Franchise Disclosure Compliance: The Nuts & Bolts

*Event, Jan. 19, 3 p.m. EST*

Dickinson Wright LLP will present a free webinar highlighting many of the “must do” or “must consider” matters for compliance with franchise disclosure legislation in U.S.

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## ‘Making a Murderer’ Juror Stands By Verdict

*NEWS*

A juror involved in the homicide case that spawned the popular Netflix series “Making a Murderer” says she stands by the verdict, reports the Associated Press.

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## Is Ted Cruz, Born in Canada, Eligible for the Presidency?

*NEWS*

Legal experts say a child’s citizenship can be determined based on where he or she is born and who the parents are.

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# Obama's Gun Control Actions Open Legal Can of Worms

## *Commentary*

While the new guidance says collectors and gun hobbyists are largely exempt, the exact definition of who must register and conduct background checks is vague.

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# Drafting to Protect Your IP Rights in Licensor's Bankruptcy

## *Article*

Congress gave licensees protection against losing their IP rights in this situation when it enacted section 365(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.

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# Who Does What in Cloud Data Compliance?

## *Video*

A video posted by TechTarget addresses four areas to consider

to maintain cloud data compliance when you migrate workloads and assets to the cloud.

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## **CIO's Guide to Creating Sound Software Contracts**

### **Article**

It's important to start the procurement process by outlining the desired features of a software system in a requirements document.

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## **Artful Pleading Fails to Circumvent Contractual Liability Exclusion**

### **Article**

D&O policies are not intended to insure contracts entered into by insureds: that is why D&O policies routinely contain contractual liability exclusions.

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# 10 Things to Know About Leasing and Financing Aircraft in the US

## *Article*

An article published by Norton Rose Fulbright outlines 10 important points of law to consider when leasing or financing aircraft in the United States, ranging from registration to dealing with insolvency.

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## Former Judge Jonathan Lippman Joins Latham & Watkins in New York

### *NEWS*

Lippman retired as Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals last month after a four-decade career, including service in both trial and appellate courts.

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## Samsung Seeks to Evade \$120

# Million Verdict Due In Apple's Second iPhone Infringement Trial

## **NEWS**

Apple had originally identified eight primary patents it said Samsung had infringed across at least 17 products, but courts subsequently narrowed Apple's trial down to a token hearing, AppleInsider reports.

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# Judge Voids Ex-Columnist's \$7.1-Million Jury Award Against L.A. Times

## **NEWS**

Former sports columnist claimed that the newspaper discriminated against him because of his age and a disability.

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# Ethics and Compliance Predictions for 2016

## **Article**

There is one thing you can always count on with compliance professionals: unrelenting optimism and confidence, writes

Michael Volkov of the Volkov Law Group.

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## **CobbleStone Systems Releases Enhanced DocuSign Integration**

### ***NEWS***

The latest version of Contract Insight Enterprise allows DocuSign users to access additional DocuSign functionality within Contract Insight and provides a new interface for managing documents within DocuSign.

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## **Caution by Company Officers Can Create Problems for Boards**

### ***Article***

New policies create incentives for companies to give up individuals believed responsible for corporate wrongdoing, in hopes of receiving leniency from prosecutors.