Innovation and IP Trends in the Oil and Gas Sector

White Paper

Companies that ignore the patent activities of their competitors expose themselves to the risks of infringement actions, which can be both costly and disruptive to business.

Electronic Signatures in Court

Contracts

Silanis Inc. has posted a free white paper that answers the questions that arise when companies bring bring processes online. It also outlines how organizations can leverage electronic signatures in settlement when contested, and, failing settlement, effectively prepare for court.

Tax Partner Rejoins Hogan Lovells BSTL Mexico City Office

NEWS

Hogan Lovells BSTL has announced that Arturo Tiburcio has re-joined its Corporate Practice as a partner specializing in tax

matters. He will work in the firm’s Mexico City office.

Spring eDiscovery Case Law Update

E-Discovery

A webinar from DTI will present a case law update that explores recent court decisions related to eDiscovery. These cases impact tactics and strategies organizations should consider to help control their eDiscovery costs and risks.

Top 7 Key Performance Indicators Every Law Department Should Consider

EVENT: April 22, 2 p.m. CDT

Many law departments are continuing to focus on lowering costs. But what needs to be considered in order to achieve that objective, and what other objectives should be set altogether?

Former Jurist of the Year Joins Rusty Hardin & Associates

NEWS

Cathy Cochran, a former long-time judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, has joined the firm of Rusty Hardin & Associates as of counsel.

Webinar: Gaining User Adoption for Your IT Application Rollout

Event: April 14, 10 a.m. CDT

Epiance Software will present a webinar April 14 to show how hundreds of companies, including HP, Accenture, Samsung, RBS, CapGemini and many more, use Epiplex500 for a range of transformation initiatives such as ERP rollouts and upgrades.

Foley Expands Health Care Public Affairs Team in

Washington

NEWS

Jennifer Walsh has joined Foley & Lardner LLP as director of public affairs in the Washington, D.C. office. She will on legislative, regulatory and public policy matters related to a variety of issues, and primarily health care.

Adam Falkof Elected to Junior Board of Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

NEWS

The national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP has announced that Adam Falkof has been elected to the Junior Board of Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS).

Practical and Ethical Issues in Compensating Fact Witnesses

Event: April 22, 11 a.m. CDT

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP presents a complimentary CLE webinar, “Practical and Ethical Issues in Compensating Fact Witnesses: Are the Benefits Worth the Headache?”, presented by

Fitch Even partner Eric L. Broxterman.

Cyber Insurance Basics: What Businesses Need to Know

Insurance

Cyber insurance programs are necessary for small, mid-size, and large businesses to help them manage the risks from data breaches, writes Jonathan Reich, a Womble Carlyle attorney in the firm's Winston-Salem office.

Make Sure Employees Transfer IP Ownership Before Parting Ways

White Paper

An article published by Zuckerman Spaeder describes a case that illustrates how easy it is to blur the line between an employee's intellectual property and that of an employer.

EEOC Targets Benefit Plans on LGBT Issues

NEWS

An EEOC internal memo states that the EEOC is interested in litigating charges regarding issues of “first impression” such as benefit coverage for same-sex couples and insurance benefits afforded to transgender individuals, according to an article published by Seyfarth Shaw.

SEC Action Warns Against Restrictive Confidentiality Agreements

White Paper

A recent enforcement action by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commissionagainst KBR serves as a warning to companies that efforts to silence potential whistleblowers through restrictive confidentiality agreements will not be tolerated, report two Dechert LLP lawyers.

CFPB Takes Action Against

‘Bad Check’ Debt Collector

NEWS

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has taken action against a nationwide debt collection operation and its chief executive officer for allegedly using deceptive threats of criminal prosecution and jail time to intimidate consumers into paying debts for bounced checks.

HSBC Monitor Says Bank’s Compliance Progress Too Slow

NEWS

The finding on HSBC Holdings was a tough assessment that comes as the bank is grappling with other issues, including allegations it aided tax evasion.

Jury Awards $150 Million for Jeep Fuel-Tank Fire Death

NEWS

A jury in Georgia awarded $150 million to a family that sued Chrysler Group LLC for the 2012 death of their 4-year-old in a crash involving a 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee with a rear fuel tank, reports Reuters.

SEC Fines KBR for Violating Dodd-Frank Whistleblower Protection Rule

NEWS

KBR Inc. agreed to pay a $130,000 penalty to resolve charges that the language it used in its confidentiality agreements during internal investigations violated SEC Rule 21F-17.

Every Drop Counts: How To Increase Production With Fewer Wells

On-Demand

A free on-demand webinar from P2 Energy Solutions addresses the importance of exception-based surveillance processes in the oil production business, which pinpoint production anomalies and alert teams to these issues in near real time.

What Makes a Promise Legally Binding? Considering Consideration

Article

You likely understand what an offer and acceptance are (even if you don’t know all the legal caveats), but what is consideration?