Former FDA Chief Counsel Rejoins Sidley as Practice Leader in Washington, D.C.

News

Rebecca “Becky” Wood, former chief counsel to the Food and Drug Administration, has rejoined Sidley Austin LLP as a partner.

SEC Says Biotech Billionaire CEO Took Part in Pump-and-Dump Schemes

News

In a lawsuit filed in federal court in New York, the SEC alleged OPKO Health chairman and CEO Phillip Frost took part in three pump-and-dump schemes between 2013 and 2018, according to MedCity News.

Annual Security Report Deadline is Approaching

Insight

The U.S. Department of Education’s deadline for institutions

to comply with the Annual Security Report is Oct. 1, 2018, points out Canopy Programs by United Educators.

Former Dewey Chairman Reaches Agreement With SEC to Pay Six-Figure Civil Penalty

News

The SEC alleged that some executives of Dewey & LeBoeuf, which closed in 2012, misled lenders and bond buyers about the firm's financial condition.

Registration Open for 2018 Eastern District of Texas Bench Bar Conference

Event, Oct. 17-19, 2018

The 22nd annual EDTX Bench Bar Conference is set for October 17-19 at the Marriott Legacy Town Center in Plano.

EPA Proposes Affordable Clean Energy Rule to Replace Clean Power Plan

Insight

The current Administration does not believe it has authority under Section 111 of the Clean Air Act to require regulated entities to take actions "outside the fenceline," according to Beveridge & Diamond.

United Airlines Loses Challenge to Union Drive

News

Bloomberg reports that a vote on unionization by 2,700 United Airlines in-flight catering workers can proceed over the company's objections, the general counsel of the National Mediation Board ruled.

Judge Guts FTC's $4-Billion Lawsuit Against DirecTV

News

The judge said there remain a number of problems with the FTC's theories for relief and that the FTC "has an uphill

climb.”

White Paper: Update on the U.S. Department of Education’s Clery Enforcement Measures

Insight

Despite the change in federal administration, the U.S. Department of Education has continued to aggressively enforce the Clery Act, reports Canopy Programs.

Special Receiver Appointed in Federal Lawsuit Against Wells Fargo in Texas Case

News

The SEC alleges defendants were operating a Ponzi scheme, with limited returns paid to investors from monies raised from other investors.

Department of Energy Streamlines Small-Scale LNG Export Authorizations

Insight

The Department of Energy has announced a final rule that will expedite the approval process for small-scale exports of natural gas, reports Cadwalader.

The Entire W.Va. Supreme Court Faces Impeachment for Alleged Corruption

News

Fourteen articles of impeachment allege corruption, maladministration, incompetence, neglect of duty and potential criminal behavior — impeachable offenses under the state constitution, according to *The Washington Post*.

DOJ Says Ruling on AT&T-Time Warner Ignored 'Economics and

Common Sense’

News

In its filing, the DOJ called the district court’s decision a “deeply flawed assessment of the government’s evidence.”

Hall Estill Represents OIEC in Historic Rate Reduction for OG&E Customers

News

Hall Estill represented Oklahoma Industrial Energy Consumers, an association of large power users in Oklahoma, as an intervenor in Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co.’s application for Corporation Commission approval of a rate hike.

Health Care Fraud: How a Strike Force is Selected for a City

News

According to the Department of Justice, a Medicare Fraud Strike Force consists of a partnership between the DOJ and Department of Health and Human Services to prevent fraud and enforce anti-fraud laws.

‘Stupid, Dumb and Fat’ Comments Get Cleveland Lawyer Suspended

News

A Cleveland lawyer who has already paid a $300,000 settlement to his former paralegal for insulting her has now been suspended from the practice of law for six months.

Annual Security Report Preparation: 10 Questions to Ensure Compliance

Insight

Preparing your institution’s Annual Security Report (ASR) is critical in demonstrating your school’s compliance with the Clery Act, says Canopy Programs by United Educators.

Army of Local Lawyers Itching

to Fight Trump’s Policies

News

Lawyers for Good Government is led by executive director Traci Feit Love, a Harvard Law School graduate and former litigator for DLA Piper, one of the biggest law firms in the world.

Ex-Dentons Extortionist Faces Disciplinary Charges

News

Bloomberg Law is reporting that a former Dentons associate who stole the firm’s confidential files and then tried to extort cash and artwork from the firm now faces attorney discipline charges.

Bitcoin Exchange Operator Faces 40 Years in Jail for Lying to SEC

News

The virtual currency operator absconded with investors’ assets, exchanging them into U.S. dollars to buy groceries and to pay for travel and other personal expenses, reports Bloomberg Law.