Former Energy XXI CEO Agrees to Settle SEC Charges

News

The SEC alleged John D. Schiller Jr. maintained an extravagant lifestyle using a leveraged margin account secured by his shares in the oil and gas producer.

Nashville Attorney Confirmed As General Counsel for Department of Defense

News

Paul Ney currently is the Tennessee chief deputy attorney general.

Has the Government 'Waived' Goodbye to Strict Compliance with Your Contract Specifications?

Insight

A recent Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals decision

confirmed that waiver defenses can defeat government demands for strict compliance with contract requirements, reports Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman.

ITT's Former Top Executives Settle Fraud Charges With SEC

News

ITT chief executive Kevin Modany and former chief financial officer Daniel Fitzpatrick were chagred with civil fraud in 2015 for allegedly deceiving investors about high rates of late payments and defaults on student loans backed by the company, according to *The Washington Post*.

Halliburton Accused by Government of Harassing Muslim Workers

News

The lawsuit continues the agency's crackdown on employer practices or other workplace behaviors that target workers who are Muslim or Sikh, or of Arab, Middle Eastern, or South Asian descent, according to Bloomberg Law.

Former ICE General Counsel Heads to Prison for Identity Theft

News

The former legal adviser to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement bureau was sentenced to 48 months in prison, reports Government Executive.

Appellate Attorney Says Travel Ban Decision Provides Road Map for Future Litigation

News

The Supreme Court’s ruling signals how things may go in later immigration litigation about border policy, says Dallas appellate attorney David Coale.

Supreme Court Poised to Rule on Trump Travel Ban, Union Fees, Other Cases

News

The U.S. Supreme Court is heading toward the end of its current term, and remaining cases include the Trump travel ban, union fees, and regulations on Christian-based anti-abortion centers.

BofA’s Merrill Admits Misleading Customers, to Pay $42 Million SEC Fine

News

The SEC said Merrill falsely told customers that more than 15.8 million orders worth over $141 billion had occurred in-house, reports Reuters.

Oil Firm, Once Called ‘Wolf of Wall Street Type’ Company,

Sued By SEC for Fraud

News

Company brochures said that some of the wells were expected to provide returns of 300 to 500 percent, a number the SEC said conflicted with geologist production estimates, reports *The Dallas Morning News*.

What New Web Content Accessibility Guidelines Mean for Your Web Page

Insight

The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) published new accessibility guidelines on June 5. Those guidelines may be the de facto requirement for all U.S. websites under the ADA.

Citigroup Agrees to Pay Fine Over State Libor Probes

News

The accord is the latest development in probes by governments around the globe into manipulation of benchmark interest rates, reports Bloomberg.

VA Nurses' Class-Action Overtime Lawsuit Could Open Door to More Plaintiffs

News

Class representatives brought the lawsuit on behalf of nurse practitioners and physician assistants from VA facilities across the country.

Defrauded Students of For-Profit Schools Will Stay Indebted, Judge Rules

News

A proposed class of borrowers had asked U.S. Magistrate Judge Sallie Kim to revive an Obama-era policy that promised full debt forgiveness to students defrauded by the now-defunct, for profit Corinthian Colleges, reports Courthouse News Service.

Wells Fargo Not the Only Bank to Have Created Unauthorized Accounts – But Regulator Won't Identify Others

News

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency found "bank-specific instances of accounts being opened without proof of customer consent" as part of a review of more than 40 banks, reports the *Los Angeles Times*.

Resigned Pruitt EPA Aide Lands GC Job in Oklahoma

News

A former aide to embattled EPA director Scott Pruitt who has come under scrutiny for getting a significant pay bump has been hired to a position with the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission, reports KFOR-TV.

Blockbuster Term: Justices

Could Determine Limits of Courts' Ability to Check Trump Administration

News

The next term for the U.S. Supreme Court could bring some blockbuster rulings that will signal to lower courts how they should treat the unorthodox President Trump, predicts *The Washington Times*.

Government Disclosures Shed Light on Big Law Salaries

News

Law firm partnerships fiercely guard against disclosing what they pay their principals, points out Bloomberg Law. But partners must disclose compensation when opting for a government appointment.

A Lawyer for Payday Lenders Is Confirmed for FTC Job

News

Andrew M. Smith was part of the legal team that in 2012 defended AMG Services, the payday lender founded by the

convicted racketeer Scott Tucker.

Deciphering the State Bar of Texas Advertising Rules

Insight

A lack of familiarity with advertising rules can lead to a firm or an individual lawyer having their ad, website, etc., labeled as “noncompliant” by the State Bar of Texas Advertising Review Department, warns Muse Communications.