

# 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.

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# ITT's Former Top Executives Settle Fraud Charges With SEC

## *News*

ITT chief executive Kevin Modany and former chief financial officer Daniel Fitzpatrick were charged 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*.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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# 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*.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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## **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*.

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## **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.

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# 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*.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# 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.

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# Littler Survey: Employers Reeling from Regulatory Shifts, New Forces Impacting Workplace

## *Insight*

Littler’s seventh annual survey of more than 1,100 employers



reveals how companies are responding to rapid social and political changes.

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## **What Does the NRA Want With One of America's Top Drug Lawyers?**

### **News**

Federal law could cause pot users to lose their right to own firearms, even in states where marijuana possession is legal, reports *The Dallas Morning News*.