Disgraced Fugitive Lawyer Sentenced in Absentia to 12 Years in Prison

News

The conspiracy included using false evidence of clients' physical or mental disabilities in their claims, paying doctors to sign forms with little scrutiny, and bribing a Social Security judge, reports the *Lexington Herald-Leader*.

CFPB Hits Back at Efforts to Kill Rule Easing Bank Lawsuits

News

Under the new rule, financial firms are restricted from forcing consumers to resolve their disputes through arbitration, a practice that has been used by the industry for years to keep grievances tied to payday loans, credit cards and other products out of courts, reports Bloomberg.

Trump Faces Obstacles in Bid

to Re-Shape Key U.S. Courts

News

Some of the courts best placed to thwart Trump’s agenda have liberal majorities that are likely to stay in place in the short-term, according to Reuters.

Consumer Watchdog Makes It Easier to Sue Banks and Other Companies

News

The government’s consumer watchdog has finalized a rule that will make it easier for people to challenge financial companies in court, reports *The Washington Post*.

Dealing With Violations In Export and Import Transactions

Insight

Williams Mullen has posted a white paper on steps to take in dealing with export and import violations.

Tillerson in Focus as Exxon Investigation Intensifies

News

Schneiderman’s office considers the nation’s chief diplomat a central figure in a case that pits the ambitious Democrat against a Texas energy giant and has divided attorneys general nationwide, reports JWN.

Fiduciary Rule Creates Breach of Contract Claim, No Private Right of Action

Insight

A private right of action cannot exist under the BIC exemption because the Supreme Court’s ruling in *Sandoval* only allows a private right of action to be created by Congress.

Potential Medicaid Cuts Put

Savings of Middle-Class Elderly at Risk

News

A Houston elder-care lawyer says the health care bill the U.S. Senate is fine-tuning could have profound effects on elderly people who rely on nursing home care.

Ex-WellCare General Counsel Pleads Guilty in Florida Medicaid Case

News

Thaddeus Bereday, indicted along with four other former WellCare executives in 2011, faces a maximum of five years in prison.

The Litigation Storm Around President Trump

News

Cities, states, members of Congress, and watchdog groups are suing the president for a variety of claims, according to Bloomberg.

Former White House Counsel Jack Quinn Joins Manatt in Washington

News

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP announced that Jack Quinn has joined the firm’s Washington, D.C., office as a partner in the litigation group and as chair of the firm’s federal regulatory and government practice.

Energy Department Seeks Input on Regulatory Reform

News

This is part of a government-wide initiative to overhaul the federal government’s regulatory regime, set in motion with an executive order signed by President Trump, reports K&L Gates.

Emoluments Clause Lawsuits

Could Expose Trump Tax Filings

News

Trump’s refusal to divest himself of his business empire led to the suits, partly based on the use of Trump International Hotel in Washington by representatives of foreign governments, according to Bloomberg Businessweek.

More States Likely to Sue over Opioid Epidemic

Insight

States will be very tempted by the significant potential damages that may be awarded in court to try to recoup some of the costs of treatment, says Kent Sullivan of Jackson Walker LLP.

Industry Lawyers Were Granted Ethics Waivers to Work in Trump Administration

News

Documents released this week reveal that lawyers, lobbyists and industry executives who can now shape policies benefiting

their former clients and companies have been allowed to work in the Trump administration, even with the president's vow to "drain the swamp" of influence peddling, reports *The New York Times*.

White-Collar Lawyers See Opportunity in Trump Scandals

News

Politico reports that the Russia investigations are bad news for President Donald Trump, but they're a blessing for white-collar lawyers and crisis consultants whose careers are primed to take off as the criminal probes unfold.

Client of Disgraced Lawyer: 'Everybody Knew He Would Run'

News

Disability attorney Eric Connd had told at least six people he would flee the country instead of going to jail and now he has kept his promise, reports the Associated Press.

The Whistleblower Behind Caterpillar’s Massive Tax Headache Could Make $600 Million

News

BloombergBusinessweek reports on the story behind the accountant who might end up the best-paid whistleblower of all time, with a potential paycheck of $600 million, while Caterpillar, the 92-year-old pride of American industry, will experience something unfamiliar: public humiliation.

Healthcare Developer Fined $155 Million for Lying About Compliance

News

The settlement marks the first time an electronics health records vendor is being charged for the truthfulness and accuracy of representations made when seeking government certification, reports HIT Consultant.

Big Law Attorneys Think Twice About Trump Labor Gig

News

The search for political appointees to the DOL appears to be impeded by a shrinking pool of private attorneys willing to incur a lifelong Trump association, according to Bloomberg Law.