EPA to the Oil and Gas Industry on its Request for Information: Never Mind

Insight

The EPA has announced that it will no longer demand detailed information regarding methane releases from gas production facilities and related equipment, reports Akin Gump in its AG Deal Diary.

House Poised to Pass Bills Overhauling Civil Litigation

News

The far-reaching bills address class actions, asbestos cases and attorneys who file “frivolous” suits, reports Bloomberg BNA.

China’s ZTE Pleads Guilty, Settles With U.S. Over Iran, NKorea Sales

News

Reuters is reporting that Chinese telecom equipment maker ZTE

Corp has agreed to pay $892 million and plead guilty to criminal charges for violating U.S. laws that restrict the sale of American-made technology to Iran and North Korea.

U.S. Justice Department Targets Executives in Wells Fargo Probe

News

Reuters is reporting that a U.S. Justice Department probe into a phony accounts scandal at Wells Fargo & Co. is asking whether executives hid details from the company board and regulators as the problem grew over years.

Recent Decisions Clarify (Un)Enforceability of Class Action Waivers in Employment Agreements

Insight

Companies looking to waive class action rights of employees may instead be waving goodbye to provisions in their employment contracts, warns David Heck for Proskauer Rose.

Trump Seen as Supportive of Business-Backed Litigation Bills

News

An example is legislation calling for business-backed litigation measures, colloquially known as “tort reform,” reports Bloomberg BNA.

Gorsuch Often Sided With Employers in Workers’ Rights Cases

News

Worker’s rights opinions written by Judge Neil Gorsuch, President Donald Trump’s pick for the Supreme Court, are often sympathetic but coldly pragmatic, and they’re usually in the employer’s favor, according to a review conducted by the Associated Press.

U.S. Extends Its Search for Dirty Money in Real Estate

News

The U.S. Treasury Department said it will extend its search for criminals who seek to launder money by buying U.S. real estate, according to a Reuters report.

Law Professors File Misconduct Complaint Against Kellyanne Conway

News

The 15 professors wrote that Conway should be sanctioned for violating government ethics rules and “conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.”

How States Are Using the Law to Bring Drug Executives to Heel

News

The generic drug industry has come under fire the last couple of years because of staggering price increases, but now

generic drug executives can expect to face tougher legal repercussions, reports MedCity News.

How a Tax Code Overhaul May Affect You

Insight

Despite what President Trump promised about simplifying the tax code when he was on the campaign trail, tax simplification isn't a simple task, writes Charles Delafuente of *The New York Times*.

Key Issues for Due Diligence of Government Contracts – Part II

Insight< br>Comprehensive due diligence review of any target company that performs government contracts should include evaluation of five broad categories relating to general business matters, Kimi Murakami writes in Part II of a report on Piliero Mazza's PM Legal Minute blog.

Bill in Texas Legislature Would Give Nurse Practitioners More Power

News

A bill in the Texas House seeks to end regulations that require nurse practitioners to contract with doctors in order to treat and write prescriptions.

Government Contracts Legislative and Regulatory Update – February 2017

News

Dentons has published the latest edition of its "Government Contracts Legislative and Regulatory Update a summary of the relevant changes that took place during January.

Healthcare and the False Claims Act, 2016 Survey

Insight

Healthcare and the False Claims Act, 2016 Survey summarizes the important laws, regulations, pronouncements, and cases of

the past year, to inform healthcare providers and healthcare attorneys on this crucial statute in the healthcare industry.

Be Ready to Prove Intent to Use or Actual Use of a Trademark

Insight

A client alert from Cowan Liebowitz & Latman discusses two recent developments conveying similar messages regarding the need to maintain supporting evidence at both the trademark application and registration stages.

Workplace Harassment: New Considerations for New Administration

Event, Feb. 22, 12 p.m. EST

Navex Global will present a complimentary webinar titled "Managing Workplace Harassment: Trends and Objectives under the New Administration" on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

A Tax Overhaul Would Be Great in Theory, But Hard in Practice

News

Decisions that lawmakers made decades or even a century ago have essentially locked us into ways of doing things, as the cost of changing looms more heavily than the potential benefits of trying something different, writes Neil Irwin for *The New York Times*.

How a Typical Tolling Agreement Cost Duke Energy Corporation $600,000

Insight

A court recent ruled that a tolling agreement, when entered into between companies that intended to merge, violated the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, leading to the imposition of significant financial penalties against the buyer, according to Hogan Lovells.

Largest Immigration Law Firm in U.S. is Busy, Very Busy

News

The only large U.S. law firm in the country dedicated solely to immigration work is in crisis management mode in the wake of President Donald Trump’s immigration order, reports Bloomberg Law.