NY Lawyer Gets Four-Month Suspension for Aggressive Behavior

News

The lawyer had been cited by the state attorney grievance committee for “excessively aggressive behavior while representing a client.”

A Judge Angered a Politically Connected Law Firm, Then Quickly Lost Her Job

News

State investigators say they responded to Pond Lehocky’s complaint by pulling eight years of Andrea McCormick’s emails and determined that she had violated multiple policies.

Hospital’s Ex-GC Sues Former Employer and Two Board

Members

News

Kimarie Stratos claims the district's board of commissioners wrongly fired her in September after eight years on the job.

San Antonio Bans Chick-fil-A From Its Airport, Sparking Controversy

News

The City starts out ahead, but Chick-fil-A could catch up if it shows that this decision was based solely on its unrelated speech rather than a standard contract-procurement process, according to Dallas attorney David Coale of Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst.

Pepper Hamilton Ordered to Turn Over Baylor Investigation Materials to Plaintiffs' Attorneys

News

A U.S. district judge has ordered Pepper Hamilton LLP to turn

over materials tied to the law firm's 2015-16 investigation that led Baylor University regents to report the school had fundamentally failed in its Title IX implementation duties, reports the Waco *Tribune-Herald*.

Whistleblowing General Counsel Gets $1.87 Million Payday

News

A statement from the agency said an appeal is being considered, should the judge uphold the jury's verdict.

Federal Judge Sets April 4 Hearing for Elon Musk Contempt Case

News

A federal judge in New York will hear oral arguments next week in a lawsuit brought by the US Securities and Exchange Commission that seeks to hold Tesla CEO Elon Musk in contempt for violating a settlement deal, according to a CNN report.

Energy Market Manipulation Remains a Hot Issue at FERC

Insight

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is continuing to aggressively investigate and bring enforcement action against companies that engage in energy market manipulation, reports WilmerHale in its 10-in-10 Hot Topics in Energy Series.

Biglaw Firm Sued for Role in $1.36B Grocery Chain Buyout

News

The complaint alleges Cravath drafted the SEC filing “to procure stockholder approval and cover up prior wrongdoing,” and in doing so, pocketed $5.5 million in fees in what amounted to “a sham sale process.”

Webinar: Obtaining Software Patents Using New Patent

Office Guidance

Webinar, March 20, 2019, and on-demand

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, "Back on Track?: Obtaining Software Patents Using New Patent Office Guidance," featuring Fitch Even attorneys Timothy R. Baumann and George N. Dandalides.

Hackers Shut Down Boston Legal System for Weeks, Seeking Payment in Bitcoin

News

A cyberattack on the agency overseeing Boston public defenders has caused a weekslong slowdown, disabling e-mail systems, delaying some hearings, and hanging up payments for the private attorneys who represent clients, reports *The Boston Globe*.

Ruling Allows Sandy Hook Case to Go Forward: A Path Around Federal Protection for Gun

Makers?

News

The decision that kept the landmark gun case alive possibly created a path that other mass shooting victims can follow to get around the federal Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

What Not to Do: Construction Contractor Charged With Lying to OSHA

Insight

A case discussed in a Seyfarth Shaw blog provides an important lesson: Don’t lie under oath, especially when there exists discoverable evidence to the contrary.

New York Regulator Subpoenas Insurance Broker Over Trump Organization Dealings

News

The subpoena came after former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen told Congress the president inflated the value of assets to insurers, according to Reuters.

Lawsuit: Trump Family-Planning Rule ‘Politicizes’ Medicine

News

The new Department of Health and Human Services rule would prohibit family planning clinics funded by the federal Title X program from making abortion referrals.

Texas Judge Reprimanded for Telling Jury God Said Defendant Was Innocent

News

Judge ack Robison acknowledged to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct that his conduct was improper, adding that it might have been caused by stress from treatment for a severe medical condition.

Florida Court Grants Emergency Suspension of Lawyer for Social Media ‘Attack of Massive and Continuous Proportions’

News

She called an opposing lawyer “a moron and a sexist and a bully” and said another lawyer was “a backstabbing traitor” for representing “misogynist pigs, misogynist bullies.”

Elon Musk Defiant As Judge Orders Him to Explain Tesla Tweets

News

Tesla’s internal system designed to have an in-house lawyer vet Elon Musk’s tweets didn’t work in this case because his social-media minder didn’t bless the Feb. 19 post.

UBS Lawyers Played Hardball With French Enforcers, Failed Spectacularly

News

The bank has been ordered to pay more than $5 billion in the tax-evasion case — matching what was sought by prosecutors.

U.S. Supreme Court Asked to Review Zero Emissions Credit Schemes

Insight

if the Supreme Court accepts the zero emission credits cases, it could clarify the scope of FERC’s authority to preempt state policy goals that interfere with the operation of wholesale markets, according to Verrill Dana LLP.