

# Frequently Overlooked Technology Provisions in Vendor Agreements and Why They Matter

## *News*

Banks need to ensure the products and vendors in which they invest will operate reliably, compliantly, and safely – and that the bank’s rights and remedies are preserved in the event of failure, according to Caitlin B. Houlton Kuntz and Nadja Baer.

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# Model Data Access Agreement to Foster Fintech Growth

## *Insight*

The model agreement is intended to provide a standardized foundation that speeds up data access agreement negotiations.

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# As Trump Cases Arrive, Supreme Court’s Desire to Be

# Seen as Neutral Arbiter Will Be Tested

## News

The court will consider whether to schedule a full briefing and argument on the president's request that it overturn a lower-court ruling giving New York prosecutors access to Trump's tax returns and other financial records.

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# Ex-Big Law Partner Found Guilty in Cryptocurrency Fraud Trial

## News

The former Locke Lord partner was one of the defendants in a lawsuit targeting individuals involved in the fraudulent cryptocurrency scheme OneCoin.

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# Trump Tax Return Case Confronts Supreme Court With a Momentous Choice

## News

The court can agree to hear the case and rule by June, or it

simply can deny review, leaving in place the appeals court ruling and effectively requiring Trump's accountants to turn over his tax returns.

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## **Former Woodbridge Group CEO Gets 25 Years in \$1.3-Billion Fraud**

### **News**

Shapiro lured investors with promises of returns as high as 10 percent from investments in loans to property developers.

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## **Lawyer Found Guilty of Defrauding Virginia Legislator, Autism Group**

### **News**

David Miller was found guilty of conspiring with his wife to embezzle more than \$1.5 million by creating fake law firms that siphoned funds.

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# Peter Idziak Joins Polunsky Beitel Green

## **News**

Attorney Peter Idziak, who practices in residential mortgage lending, has joined the Dallas office of Texas-based Polunsky Beitel Green, LLP.

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# Repeat Offenders: Corporate Misdeeds Often Settled With Deferred Prosecution Agreements

## **News**

The number of cases brought against corporations fell to 99 last year, compared with 181 in 2015.

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# Report: SC Law Firm Allegedly Helped to Cheat Veterans Out of Millions of Dollars

## **News**

The Upstate Law Group, owned by Candy Kern-Fuller, allegedly

worked with a network of salesmen to lure in cash-strapped veterans.

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## **Ex-Wall Street Banker Guilty in Second Insider Trading Trial**

### **News**

A former Wall Street investment banker was found guilty of insider trading for passing tips about healthcare industry mergers to his father.

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## **3 JPMorgan Traders Accused of Rigging Futures Trades for Nearly a Decade**

### **News**

The charges outlined in the criminal indictments were the latest turn in a years-long investigation that has previously yielded guilty pleas from traders at several banks.

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# **\$98M BBVA Compass Bank Fraud Verdict Inducted in VerdictSearch Hall of Fame**

## **News**

A \$98 million verdict secured by Boyd, Powers & Williamson has been inducted into the VerdictSearch Texas Verdicts Hall of Fame.

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# **Struggling Law Firms May Face Dissolution Risk in Recession**

## **News**

Law firms should be “battening down the hatches” now and looking at the profitability of different practices.

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# **Biglaw Firm Accused of Tax Error That Could Cost Bankers Millions, Report Says**

## **News**

The case involves an allegedly missed deadline for routine paperwork, according to sources and a report Weil commissioned on the matter, the *NY Post* reports.

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# Texas-Based Company Fires General Counsel, Dismisses CEO Amid SEC Probe

## News

The SEC is investigating Houston-based SAExploration Holdings for allegedly providing “material misstatements” and misleading financial information to its investors.

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# Seventh Circuit Guts FTC’s Powers – Setting up Supreme Court Showdown

## News

The case involves a lower court’s imposition of \$5 million in restitution from the target of an FTC action.

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## Phase-Out:

# Considerations for Oil & Gas Companies

## **Insight**

Oil and gas companies are encouraged to consider the impact of the phase-out to their organization and take steps to assess existing agreements and carefully monitor the execution of new agreements.

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# Private Equity: The Little-Regarded Confidentiality Agreement

## **Insight**

Global Private Equity Watch discusses a case that distinguishes between affiliates entitled by the non-disclosure agreement that are entitled to receive confidential information and affiliates actually bound by the agreement.

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# Whistleblower Alleges General Electric Shielding Losses:



# 'Bigger Fraud Than Enron'

## **News**

GE chief executive Lawrence Culp responded that the allegation is "market manipulation – pure and simple."