In a Texas Courtroom, Tech Firm Huawei Stands Accused of ‘Corporate Espionage’ to Aid China

News

A former employee of Huawei Technologies Co. accuses the company of using a lawsuit against his Silicon Valley startup as part of a strategy to steal intellectual property and help China achieve technological dominance over the U.S. according to a report in *The Dallas Morning News*.

Spotlight on No-Poach Agreements Continues, Expands to New Industries

Insight

Companies that engage in no-poach agreements should be prepared for governmental scrutiny as well as private litigation from former employees, warns Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

Ten Key Issues in Addressed Lease Agreements for Companies

Insight

An understanding of the unique features of equipment lease contracts should help a company work with its bank to structure and document a mutually acceptable lease agreement, according to a Steptoe & Johnson post.

K&L Gates Under Fire from Texas Company in Malpractice Suit

News

Bloomberg Law reports that K&L Gates LLP is facing a $100 million legal malpractice suit from a Texas semiconductor company, Quantum Materials Corp., over an alleged conflict of interest.

Enforcement Pressure Hit Ag,

Livestock Operations

Insight

Small ag operations can be compliant with regulations before a historic flooding event and still face financial penalties that push family-owned businesses to the brink of bankruptcy or worse, says attorney Chris Carrington of Denver-based Richards Carrington.

Firms Cite 1851 Law in Fatal Missouri Duck Boat Accident, Seek Mediation

News

The companies' petition states that under the federal law, they would not owe any damages because the boat carried no freight and was a total loss.

Dallas Firm Named Tops in U.S. Law for Business Disputes

News

Dallas business trial law firm Loewinsohn Flegle Deary Simon won the No. 1 spot for the Elite Trial Lawyers award,

based on research by *VerdictSearch*, *The National Law Journal* and Law.com.

Backdating—When is it Appropriate?

Insight

Backdating legal documents is frequently permissible. However, under other circumstances, it can be fraudulent or illegal, warns Elizabeth A. Whitman in a post on the website of Whitman Legal Solutions LLC.

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3 Key Takeaways: How Blockchain Technology will Reshape Legal Contracting

Insight

A recent presentation at the ACC Colorado Fall Frenzy in Denver addressed how blockchain platforms are reshaping contracting, particularly how blockchain can be used to protect the security and integrity of contracts and automatically execute based on external conditions.

Champagne Remark May Cost Lawyer $289 Million Bayer Award

News?

Brent Wisner, the lead trial attorney who in August convinced a jury that Monsanto Co.’s Roundup weed killer caused his client’s cancer, irked the judge handling the case so profoundly that she’s considering tossing the verdict and ordering a new trial, reports Bloomberg Law.

New Decision Highlights (Again) the Importance of Defining ‘Commercially Reasonable Efforts’

Insight

If your client is going to contractually commit to using commercially reasonable efforts to do something – and if your client expects that obligation to require something less than “all reasonable efforts” – then you’ll want to make that expectation clear in the contract itself, advises D.C. Toedt III in the On Contracts Blog.

Duty of Good Faith, Tortious Interference, and Statutes of Limitation

Insight

A ContractsProf Blog post shows just how nasty contractual parties may act towards each other in violation of the duty of good faith and fair dealing.

A Basic Compliance Requirement: A Contract Management System

Insight

Michael Volkov of Volkov Law group has posted an article that says a contract management system is imperative for businesses.

Interpreting Indemnity Provisions in Construction

Contracts

Insight

Interpretation of contractual indemnity provisions can vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. And such interpretations can be wildly divergent and often result in contradictory interpretations and enforcement, according to a Faegre Baker Daniels LLP post.

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5 Insurance Tips Before the Storm Hits

Insight

Dallas insurance litigator Meloney Perry of Perry Law P.C. offers some storm insurance tips to keep in mind before and after a storm hits.

In Rare Bipartisan Move, 31 States Ask SCOTUS to Undo Ban on Consumer Antitrust Claims

News

Reuters points to an effort illustrating a rare show of bipartisanship as state politicians rally around the cause of overturning U.S. Supreme Court precedent that protects

monopolists from consumer suits.

Contract Roulette: The Top Five Agreements That Get Businesspeople into Trouble

Insight

You can do a lot of damage with a signature, warns Jack Garson of Garson Law LLC in Bethesda, Maryland. You can go broke.

Vizio Reaches Potential Settlement for Its Spying TVs — And Victims Could Receive Less Than a Dollar

News

Vizio has announced a potential $17 million settlement in a recent class action lawsuit, which could result in a pay-out that is as little as a few cents for each of the millions of affected customers, reports the *New York Daily News*.

Webinar: Linux Foundation's OpenChain Explained

Event, Thursday, Oct. 25, 11 a.m. CT

The Linux Foundation has developed the OpenChain project, a standard that can help software suppliers manage their production process better, to ship secure and compliant software to customers.

Understanding Similarities and Differences in Four Oilfield Anti-Indemnity Acts

Insight

Indemnity provisions in the energy industry are a staple in Master Service Agreements and can be unilateral or mutual, explains a post on the website of Kean Miller LLP.