Supreme Court Closes Sales Tax Loophole in E-Commerce

News

The decision was a victory for brick-and-mortar businesses that have long complained they are put at a disadvantage by having to charge sales taxes while many online competitors do not, according to *The New York Times*.

Seventh Circuit Hands Win to Merchants in Data Breach Case

Insight

Data breaches inflict additional costs on financial institutions, leading those institutions to turn to litigation to recoup their losses from merchants, writes Ehren M. Fournier in a post on the website of Schoenberg Finkel Newman & Rosenberg LLC.

Reducing the Cost of Arbitrating Large Complex Cases

Insight

The Streamlined Three-Arbitrator Panel Option allows parties

to utilize a single arbitrator for the preliminary and discovery stages of a case, the AAA explains.

Rent-A-Center to Be Acquired by Vintage Capital for $15 Per Share in Cash

News

The transaction represents a total consideration of approximately $1.365 billion, including net debt, the companies said in a news release.

Contractual Allocation of Intellectual Property Ownership

Insight

Before entering into a business deal where intellectual property rights are implicated, it is usually better for the parties to spell out ownership rather than leave intellectual property ownership to be allocated by default laws, advises Morgan, Lewis & Bockius.

$17M Target Data Breach Settlement Affirmed on Second Try

News

The settlement, which provides for a $10 million fund for customers and $6.75 million for plaintiffs' attorneys, won final approval in November 2016, according to Bloomberg Law.

Walmart Sues Its Former Head of Tax for Jumping to Amazon

News

Walmart is trying to block Lisa Wadlin, Walmart's senior VP and top tax executive, from taking the Amazon position until May 2020 and bar her from handing over "sensitive business information obtained at Walmart," reports Bloomberg.

Encountering Common

Technology Contracts

Insight

Corporate counsel often hire external technology lawyers to review, draft, or negotiate technology contracts such as software licensing agreements because of their ability to identify software licensing issues, resolve complex licensing models, and compare the subject deal to the many other unique technology contract structures to solve problems, according to a blog post by Kirkpatrick Law.

Fifth Circuit Allows Non-Signatories to Enforce Arbitration Agreement

News

The Fifth Circuit has affirmed an order compelling arbitration, despite the fact that the parties seeking to compel arbitration were not signatories to the relevant arbitration agreement, according to Carlton Fields.

Sheppard Mullin Conflict Waiver Case Puts Big Fee at

Stake

News

The question for this case of first impression is whether a law firm needs to tell a sophisticated client about a specific conflict when it arises, or whether the firm can instead rely a boilerplate advance conflict waiver in the client's engagement agreement, reports Bloomberg Law.

U.S. Intellectual Property Ownership – Default Laws

Insight

In order for a tech company to determine how to protect its intellectual property, the company should understand how the key intellectual property rights work, according to Morgan Lewis.

Avoid Prejudgment Interest By Expressly Saying So in the Contract

Insight

Striking an interest provision from a draft subcontract wasn't enough to keep a party to the agreement from being required to

pay interest, according to a review of a Missouri case by in Pepper Hamilton's Constructlaw blog.

Trump Brand Loses Trademark Licensing Dispute – Rules of Contract Law Prevail

Insight

When a dispute involves the Trump brand for residential buildings, the adjudication of rights and obligations under a trademark license agreement can become national news, according to a Dorsey blog post.

Perkins Coie Announces Consumer Protection Review Blog

News

Perkins Coie has launched Consumer Protection Review, a blog designed to help businesses that market and sell to consumers navigate federal and state legal issues.

DLA Piper Secures Victory for WebSpectator

News

DLA Piper recently secured a victory in its representation of WebSpectator Corporation, a Santa Monica-based company that pioneered online analytics and attention ad space.

Cross-Border Deals Forum: Applying Emerging Technologies

Event, Wednesday, June 6, 2018, NYC

Bloomberg Law's June 6 Cross-Border Deals Forum 2018: Applying Emerging Technologies for Efficiency & Success, will feature an examination of the dealmaking landscape and new risks to watch.

Seizures, Regulatory Scrutiny Follow Cryptocurrency Hype

News

State and federal authorities are picking up the pace of investigations into cryptocurrency markets, digital investment promotions and so-called initial coin offerings.

Dallas Trial Attorney Sues FindLaw in Dispute Over New Firm Website

News

Trial attorney Rogge Dunn has filed a lawsuit in Dallas County against FindLaw for alleged fraud and misrepresentation of services the company provided for the new Rogge Dunn Group, PC firm website.

Download: Top 6 Legal Risks of Electronic Signatures and E-Transactions

Insight

This paper outlines the top six legal risks to be aware of, and how to prevent fraud, repudiation and increase admissibility and compliance when executing transactions digitally.

NDAworks Introduces Automation of NDAs

News

The company says on its website that NDAWorks helps manage the signing, tracking and storing of a company’s NDAs from a central, secure location.