

# Tips for Raising Venture Capital: Commercial Contract Issues

## *Insight*

It is important to address the critical intellectual property rights issues that will allow the protection of an idea in the commercial market, warns DLA Piper partner Jeff Lehrer.

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# Dear Employer, You Could Owe the IRS Millions of Dollars

## *News*

Some practitioners expect Industries like trucking, restaurant, and staffing to see a high proportion of the demands from the IRS, according to Bloomberg.

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# Antitrust Litigation: How an Amicus Brief Can Win an Appeal

## *Insight*

A group of 36 economists affiliated with top universities across the country filed an amicus brief explaining that the

lower court used a faulty economic theory when it ruled against the FTC.

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## **ACC Sets 2018 mid-Year Meeting in Denver April 22-24**

*Event, Denver, April 22-24, 2018*

The Association of Corporate Counsel has set the agenda for the 2018 ACC Mid-Year Meeting, which will be in Denver April 22-24.

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## **Re-Thinking Supply Chain Contracts in the World of Connected Things**

*Insight*

Many of the contract forms used to source raw materials or physical components may not be appropriate to use when sourcing software, writes Nicholas J. Ellis of Foley & Lardner.

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# Cryptocurrency Tax Webinar Covers New IRS Scrutiny on Reporting

## *Insight*

As cryptocurrency has received attention from mainstream media, some investors and traders have made huge profits and some are now experiencing large losses.

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# States to Forego Most of \$650M Legal Settlement With Takata

## *News*

Attorneys general for the states alleged that Takata concealed air bag safety issues and failed to disclose safety defects.

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# Do Architects and Engineers Owe a Legal Duty to Non-Contracting Parties?

## *Insight*

A appellate opinion provides some guidance with respect to the

architect's and engineer's common law duty when processing pay applications, according to Clark Hill PLC.

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## **Detours on the Way to Your Contractually Selected Forum**

### ***Insight***

Global Private Equity Watch finds some good news for the careful transactional lawyer who drafts a bespoke forum clause in a contract.

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## **FTI Consulting's Advice from Counsel Study Examines Data Privacy and Security**

### ***Insight***

Fortune 1000 corporations worry about budget, GDPR compliance, data security and other information governance initiatives, according to the 12th Advice from Counsel study from FTI Consulting, Inc.

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# Not So Common Sense? Reliance on Common Sense to Establish Obviousness

## *Insight*

Jones Day reports on a recent written decision of the Patent Trial and Appeals Board that sheds light on how the PTAB may treat common sense as used in obviousness arguments.

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# On-Demand: The Current (and Future) State of Oil and Gas M&A

## *On-Demand*

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher has posted an on-demand webcast that discusses what the firm has been seeing and expects to see in the future in regard to mergers and acquisitions in the oil and gas industry.

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# U.S. Bank Cited by Federal Authorities for Lapses on

# Money Laundering

## *News*

The bank settled the Justice Department charges and cases brought by other regulators by agreeing to pay various fines and penalties totaling \$613 million.

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# Remington Bankruptcy Could Put Rifle Settlement at Risk, Attorneys Say

## *News*

Plaintiffs claim that Remington covered up a deadly design defect that allows the rifle – and a dozen similar models – to fire without the trigger being pulled.

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# Implied Covenant Will Not Save You From Your Agreement If You Negotiated Away Your Rights

## *Insight*

A Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft post discusses a decision that underscores the limits on an implied covenant breach claim

under Delaware law.

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## **‘Home Country’ Arbitration Clause More Trouble Than It’s Worth?**

### ***Insight***

The “home country” provision provides that the party initiating arbitration must sue the other party in its home country, explains a post by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

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## **Xerox About to Disappear – Take Heed, Amazon and Google**

### ***Commentary***

The more successful a company is, the more unassailable its competitive position appears, the greater the forces that gather to knock it off its perch, writes Michael Hiltzik in *The Los Angeles Times*.

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# Changing Contracts: Amending Agreements

## *Insight*

Even the best agreements can require amendments based on changes in law, technology, and the products or services provided, according to Kirkpatrick Law.

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# On-Demand Webinar: Achieving GDPR Compliance

## *On-Demand*

While the GDPR standardizes data protection law across the EU, it doesn't spell out how U.S. companies can update data preservation processes to be compliant.

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# Commentary: Wells Fargo's Board Members Are Getting Off Too Easy

## *Commentary*

Lawrence Summers asks: Why aren't the Wells Fargo directors who are leaving being named and asked to resign effective immediately with an element of humiliation?