

# The 5 Most Overlooked Elements Of NDAs

## *Insight*

Tom Kulik of Dallas-based Scheef & Stone writes about a trend toward companies and counsel using rote reliance on forms for non-disclosure agreements without thinking through the implications.

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# Liquidated Damage Provisions – A Good Idea or an Unenforceable Penalty?

## *Insight*

A post by Joshua M. Pellant of Faegre Baker Daniels discusses the use of a provision for a stipulated or “liquidated” damage amount in the event of specified contract breaches in construction contracts.

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# ADA Website Wars Coming to a Retailer Near You

## *News*

A federal judge in Florida found that a grocery chain’s website was inaccessible to visually impaired individuals and

thus violated the ADA because features such as the website's online coupons and pharmacy could not be accessed using a screen reader.

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## **2017 Litigation Finance Survey Shows Continued Growth**

### ***Insight***

Global finance firm Burford Capital announced the results of its 2017 Litigation Finance Survey of lawyers and financial professionals at law firms and companies in the US, UK and Australia. The independent research builds on prior surveys commissioned by Burford to study third-party funding of commercial litigation and arbitration.

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## **Announcing LawGeex 4.0 – Contract Review Automation**

### ***News***

LawGeex combines machine learning algorithms and text analytics to quickly review and approve everyday contracts, helping businesses answer the question “Can I sign this?”

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# Equifax Execs Sold Shares Before the Hack Was Announced – But Was It Insider Trading?

## **News**

*Los Angeles Times* reporter James Rufus Koren examines the question: Did three Equifax executives, including the chief financial officer, engage in insider trading when they sold thousands of shares in the days after the company discovered a massive security breach?

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# Landmark Second Circuit Ruling Clarifies the Standards for Mobile Contracts

## **Insight**

A recent ruling clarifies the standards for contract formation in the age of smartphones and mobile contracting, providing important guidance to companies about how to design enforceable mobile contracts, reports Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass.

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# Construction Contracts and Arbitration Provisions: Is the Word “May” Mandatory? Maybe!

## *Insight*

the Supreme Court of Virginia held that the parties’ use of the word “may” in the dispute resolution provisions of their construction contract required mandatory participation in arbitration at the election of one of the parties.

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# Mother Nature Is Tough – How About Your Contracts?

## *Insight*

What happens to supply contracts when a natural disaster floods entire cities, shuts down factories, cuts off warehouses, washes trucks off the road, and essentially brings an entire supply chain to a screeching halt?

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# Widening Your Moat: Using

# Continuation Applications to Protect Commercially Successful Products

*Event, Sept. 28*

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, “Widening Your Moat: Using Continuation Applications to Protect Commercially Successful Products,” featuring Fitch Even partners Jonathan H. Urbanek and Mark A. Borsos.

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# Equifax Faces Multibillion-Dollar Lawsuit Over Hack

*News*

Bloomberg reports that a proposed class-action lawsuit was filed against Equifax Inc. late Thursday evening, shortly after the company reported that an unprecedented hack had compromised the private information of about 143 million people.

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# Trump Lawyers Urge Supreme Court to Rule for Colorado

# Cake Maker Who Turned Away Gay Couple

## **News**

The brief filed Thursday is likely to bolster the cake maker's case, and is in line President Trump's repeated promises to protect "religious liberty," according to *The Los Angeles Times*.

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# VW Engineer Sentenced to 40-Month Prison Term in Diesel Case

## **News**

A federal judge in Detroit sentenced former engineer James Liang to 40 months in prison for his role in Volkswagen AG's multiyear scheme to sell diesel cars that generated more pollution than U.S. clean air rules allowed, Reuters is reporting.

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# 8 Signs You Need Contract Automation

## **Insight**

Conga offers some tips on making the decision whether to look

into contract automation.

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## **Smart Contracts as Pre-Commitment Devices on a Blockchain**

### ***Insight***

Max Gulker of the American Institute for Economic Research explains that pre-commitment strategies are useful in mitigating some types of fraud.

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## **Stays of Contract Award and Performance (Post-Award Protest Primer #6)**

### ***Insight***

Daniel Chudd and James Tucker of Morrison Foerster continue their discussion of stays of contract award and performance with an examination of the issue during the pendency of a bid protest.

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# No Signature? No Problem! Enforcing Arbitration Even Without Everyone Signing

## *Insight*

California courts are often hostile toward defendants that seek to require litigious employees to honor their arbitration agreements, warns Michael Wahlander of Seyfarth Shaw.

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# Samsung Lader Jay Y. Lee Given Five-Year Jail Sentence for Bribery

## *News*

A South Korean court on Friday convicted the heir to the Samsung business empire of bribery and embezzlement and sentenced him to five years in prison, *The New York Times* reports.

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# Valeant's Latest Legal Threat Could Be Especially Costly

## *News*

If other investors were to follow Lord Abbett's lead,

Valeant's legal exposure could balloon," according to Bloomberg.

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# **On-Demand: Sign Legal Clients on the Spot with SMS Electronic Signatures**

## ***On-Demand***

AssureSign has posted an on-demand webinar on the use of SMS electronic signatures – a feature new to the legal industry.