

# Tillerson May Face Deposition About 'Wayne Tracker' Alias Emails

## *News*

Tillerson sent the most sensitive messages to and from company board members, including communications about the risks associated with climate change, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said.

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# Monsanto Ghostwrote Cancer Studies of Its Own Weed Killer, Plaintiffs in Lawsuit Say

## *News*

Plaintiffs claim that Monsanto's toxicology manager ghostwrote parts of a scientific report in 2013 that was published under the names of several academic scientists, and his boss ghostwrote parts of another in 2000, according to a Reuters report.

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# ABC News Headed to Trial With Billions of Dollars on the Line

## **News**

ABC News moved closer to a jury trial in South Dakota in a lawsuit alleging that the network defamed Beef Products Inc. in its coverage of a meat product critics have dubbed “pink slime,” reports *The Hollywood Reporter*.

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# Dealing With Oracle's Aggressive Audit Program

## **Insight**

Christopher Barnett of Scott & Scott LLP discusses some of the most important audit risks to keep in mind when using Oracle products.

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# Reducing Workplace Violence

## **Insight**

Companies have obligations to keep their employees safe regarding anticipated dangers as well as to respond quickly to actual dangers, writes Natalie Lynch of Lynch Law Firm in Austin.

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# 8th Circuit: No Contracting Out of WARN Act Obligations Where Sale of Business is 'Going Concern'

## *News*

Companies considering purchasing a business should carefully consider the intent of the proposed transaction when assessing their WARN Act obligations, according to a post on the website of Winston & Strawn LLP.

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# Update: House Bill a 'Death Sentence' for Plaintiffs' Firms

## *News*

Pro-business groups see an opening for a series of bills moving through the House that would discourage class actions and generally make it harder to sue businesses, reports Bloomberg Businessweek.

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# Wine Bar Sues Trump and Hotel, Claiming Illegal Advantage

## *News*

Cork's owners say they are losing business to the Trump hotel, which they say may be attracting diplomats and politicians looking to curry favor with Trump, *The New York Times* reports.

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# Top 10 Tips – Contractual Audits

## *Insight*

In a recent client alert, Reed Smith offers tips for dealing with audit provisions involving payment of a license fee or royalty.

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# Six Red Flags to Look for in Any Contract

## *Insight*

Barry Moltz, writing in Nextiva's blog, warns that too many small business owners gloss over important terms in contracts they sign.

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# Construction Contract Keystones, Part I: Payment Mechanisms

## *Insight*

Much Shelist, P.C. has published an article reviewing the three most commonly used payment mechanisms in construction contracts and the benefits and drawbacks of each.

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# House Poised to Pass Bills Overhauling Civil Litigation

## *News*

The far-reaching bills address class actions, asbestos cases and attorneys who file “frivolous” suits, reports Bloomberg BNA.

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# China's ZTE Pleads Guilty, Settles With U.S. Over Iran,

# NKorea Sales

## *News*

Reuters is reporting that Chinese telecom equipment maker ZTE Corp has agreed to pay \$892 million and plead guilty to criminal charges for violating U.S. laws that restrict the sale of American-made technology to Iran and North Korea.

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# The Case for Continuous Open Source Management

## *Event, March 22, 11 a.m. EDT*

Speakers from Black Duck Software and Wolters Kluwer will be presenters in a webinar addressing key open source security and management questions.

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# McKool Smith Welcomes Frank Vecella From Ericsson

## *News*

Frank Vecella, the former associate general counsel of litigation at Ericsson Inc., has joined McKool Smith as a principal in the firm's Dallas office.

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# Boosting Legal Marketing Through Targeted Emails

## *Insight*

One of the most effective tools for lawyers to attract the attention of referral sources can be found in a well-orchestrated email campaign, writes Bruce Vincent in a blog post for Muse Communications.

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# Webinar: The Future of Whistleblower Hotlines Revealed

## *Event*

Navex Global will present a complimentary webinar on the company's annual Ethics & Compliance Hotline Benchmark Report, a tool compliance professionals around the globe reference every year to help measure their program and highlight areas for improvement.

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# U.S. Justice Department Targets Executives in Wells Fargo Probe

## **News**

Reuters is reporting that a U.S. Justice Department probe into a phony accounts scandal at Wells Fargo & Co. is asking whether executives hid details from the company board and regulators as the problem grew over years.

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# Distinguishing Between Becoming a “Party” to a Contract and Merely Being an Assignee

## **Insight**

Glenn West of Weil, Gotshal & Manges explores the case of *ACI Worldwide Corp. v. Churchill Lane Associates, LLC*, No.16-1736 (8th Cir. Jan. 27, 2017), which involved a licensing agreement between Nestor Inc. and ACI Worldwide Corp.

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# Recent Decisions Clarify (Un)Enforceability of Class Action Waivers in Employment Agreements

## *Insight*

Companies looking to waive class action rights of employees may instead be waving goodbye to provisions in their employment contracts, warns David Heck for Proskauer Rose.