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.

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.

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*.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.