How a Typical Tolling Agreement Cost Duke Energy Corporation $600,000

Insight

A court recent ruled that a tolling agreement, when entered into between companies that intended to merge, violated the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, leading to the imposition of significant financial penalties against the buyer, according to Hogan Lovells.

Ask a Patent Attorney: Intellectual Property Strategy Q&A Video

On-Demand

Dylan O. Adams, a senior patent attorney and author of "Patents Demystified: An Insider's Guide to Protecting Ideas and Inventions," presents an on-demand webinar on patent protection.

When Employees Leave With

Your Secrets

Insight

James Pooley of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP writes that the standard approach to dealing with a departing employee could put confidential information at risk.

11th Circuit: Arbitration Clauses Are Like Makeup — They Only Cover So Much

News

The arbitration clause which the non-party to the agreement is seeking to enforce is explicitly limited to disputes between the parties, the court found.

Judge Blocks $54 Billion Anthem-Cigna Health Insurance Merger

News

A federal judge blocked the $54 billion merger between health insurance giants Anthem and Cigna, saying the deal would increase prices and reduce competition, according to a report by *The Washington Post*.

What to Consider When Preparing Construction Contracts

Insight

It’s important for parties entering into any significant economic transaction to have written contracts, especially for construction projects, writes Jason T. Strickland for Ward and Smith, P.A.

Key Issues for Due Diligence of Government Contracts – Part I

Insight

Comprehensive due diligence review of any target company is imperative when determining whether to buy another company, writes Kimi Murakami for Piliero Mazza.

Jury Awards Ousted General Counsel $8M

News

A federal jury awarded the former general counsel of BioRad Laboratories $8 million in back pay and damages – which will increase to $11 million – for whistleblower retaliation involving potential bribery in China, according to a Courthouse News article.

Akin Gump Lawyer Accused of Trying to Sell Lawsuit Under Seal

News

Jeffrey Wertkin immediately lost his job with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP after he was picked up Jan. 31 in the lobby of a hotel in Cupertino, Californiaallegedly trying to collect $310,000 for selling the lawsuit.

Who Is Authorized to Bind Your Family Business to

Contracts?

Insight

It’s important for family business owners and management to clearly instruct their employees and agents as to whether those employees or agents are authorized to sign contracts, writes Michael P. Connolly for Murtha Cullina LLP.

Commercial Contract Risk in 2017

Insight

With international and domestic supply chain contracts, there is little or no room for error. according to an article posted by a team of lawyers at Foley & Lardner LLP.

Protecting Your Event with Contracts and Insurance

Insight

Attorney Barbara Dunn O’Neal and Lance Ewing, executive vice president Global Risk Management & Client Services at Cotton Holdings Inc., recently discussed some of the basics of contract drafting when they spoke at a meeting of professional meeting planners.

China Employee Non-Competes: Does Yours Have Real Teeth?

Insight

Chinese courts do not automatically side with the employee; those rare employers that have done things the right way actually usually win, writes Grace Yang in China Law Blog.

Uber CEO to Leave Trump Advisory Council After Criticism

News

Uber CEO Travis Kalanick responded to an onslaught of criticism to his joining President Trump's economic advisory council by resigning from the council on Thursday, reports *The New York Times*.

Hogan Lovells Expands Global

International Trade and Investment Practice

News

Hogan Lovells adds Andrew Keller to the International Trade and Investment practice in its Washington, D.C. office.

IRS Rolls Out New Compliance Campaigns for Large Businesses

News

The Internal Revenue Service's Large Business and International division is taking a new approach to tax compliance, with a series of 13 campaigns aimed at cracking down on tax evasion, reports Accounting Today.

Recovery of Contractual Attorneys' Fees for Tort and Contract Claims

Insight

Low, Ball & Lynch discusses a case in which the California Court of Appeal addresses whether attorneys' fees can be

awarded when a plaintiff alleges both tort and contract causes of action and dismisses the entire complaint before trial.

The Top Priority for Negotiating Cloud Services

Insight

A Baker McKenzie report highlights the top objectives, hesitations, and criteria that buyer respondents factored into their cloud procurement determinations.

Some Retail Chains on Verge Of Bankruptcy After Poor Holiday Sales

News

At least three apparel chains – Wet Seal, Eastern Mountain Sports and Bob's Stores – are running short of cash and on the verge of filing for bankruptcy protection, according to a *New York Post* report.

Webinar: The 2016 Open Source Year in Review

Event, Feb. 1, 11:30 a.m. EST

Black Duck Software will present its annual review of open source legal issues in a webinar, discussing the most significant legal developments related to open source software in 2016.