# E-Sign: Reducing Risk & Strengthening Enforceability Webinar

***Event, Feb. 7, 2 p.m. EST***

eSignLive by Vasco will present a complimentary one-hour webinar providing practical evidentiary considerations of electronic records and signatures and guidance on how to reduce your risk.

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# Painful Verdicts for Johnson & Johnson

***News***

The Lanier Law Firm said these verdicts marked the second and third bellwether trials among thousands of similar lawsuits nationwide that have been consolidated in multidistrict litigation in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

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# White Paper: Top 6 Legal Risks When Adopting E-

# Signatures

***Insight***

This paper discusses how a well-designed process, supported by new-generation electronic signature technology, can reduce risk and increase the enforceability of e-transactions compared to paper processes.

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# Apple Adds to Qualcomm's Troubles, Filing Lawsuit Over Rebates

***News***

Apple sued Qualcomm, its longtime partner, over what it said was $1 billion in withheld rebates on Qualcomm's smartphone technology, according to *The New York Times*.

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# The Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing

***Insight***

Inherent in every contract is an unwritten "implied" additional covenant that is not expressly set forth; namely, the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing writes David Allen of Jaburg Wilk.

# General Counsel in the U.S. are Bullish on Trump

***News***

Fifty-six percent of respondents expected Trump to affect their business in a positive way while 44 percent had a negative outlook.

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# Trump Pays $25 Million to Settle Trump University Litigation

***News***

Politico reports that Trump University transferred the funds Tuesday night, providing enough money pay back about half of the funds paid by students for the seminars.

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# Longtime Litigator Leads Geographic Expansion

***News***

Veteran trial lawyer Jay Old has joined the commercial

litigation firm Hicks Thomas LLP, where he will represent construction, insurance, petrochemical and healthcare companies, effective Jan. 1.

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# A Chicago GC's Journey From Mortgages to Medical Marijuana

***News***

Charlie Bachtell, CEO and co-founder of medical marijuana company Cresco Labs, was general counsel at Chicago-based mortgage company Guaranteed Rate before he moved into the legal cannabis business, *The Chicago Tribune* reports.

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# Justices Will Hear Challenges to Mandatory Employee Arbitration

***News***

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether companies can use employment contracts to prohibit workers from banding together to take legal action over workplace issues, reports *The New York Times*.

# Utility-Scale Battery Storage Systems: Legal Issues and Opportunities

***Insight***

Utility-scale battery storage projects present land use, permitting and environmental and health and safety issues, according to an article published by Farella Braun + Martell LLP.

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# 3 Things Smart Contracts Need Before They Can Finally Take Off

***Insight***

A new article in CoinDesk provides an overview of the ongoing issues with smart contract development, selecting just three that could remain barriers to mainstream use.

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# Billable Hour Pricing is Effectively Dead Because of Budget Caps, Report Says

***News***

*The ABA Journal* reports on a study released by Georgetown Law's Center for the Study of the Legal Profession and Thomson Reuters Legal Executive Institute.

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# Takata to Pay $1 Bln to Settle U.S. Air Bag Probe – Sources

***News***

Sources told Reuters that the settlement will include $850 million to compensate automakers who have suffered losses from massive recalls.

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# 2017: An Evolving Landscape for Third Party Risk

# Management – Webinar

***Event, Jan. 26, 1 p.m. EST***

Navex Global will present a free webinar discussing how a new administration and anticipated enforcement and regulatory changes will impact third party due diligence programs.

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# Be Cautious in Navigating Microsoft's Forest of EA Documents

***Insight***

Microsoft occasionally will incorporate substantive or potentially substantive language in forms that otherwise would appear to have only administrative purposes, writes Christopher Barnett of Scott & Scott LLP.

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# Public M&A Year in Review: Trends and Highlights from 2016

***Event, Feb. 1, 1 p.m. EST***

Practical Law's What's Market database tracks and summarizes publicly filed merger agreements so users can keep informed of market trends and new approaches to complex deal terms.

# Equifax and TransUnion Fined $23 Million for Misrepresenting Credit Products

***News***

Some of the companies' products offered as free, or as costing $1, in fact incurred monthly charges adding up to almost $200 a year, the CFPB claimed.

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# GOP Banking Chair: Dodd-Frank Dismantling is First-Year Priority for Trump

***News***

Dismantling President Obama's financial reform law is not a priority for President-elect Trump's first 100 days, the author of GOP legislation to undo the law said Thursday, but it is a task for Trump's first year, reports *The Washington Examiner*.

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# Artificial Intelligence in Contract Management: Considerations for Practitioners

***Insight***

There is perhaps no area where the impact of artificial intelligence systems will be felt more than in legal departments and, more broadly, in the area of managing contracts, according to an article in Spend Matters.