Technology Contracts and Boilerplate Language: Be Aware of the Pitfalls

Article

The most dangerous terms of a contract – the terms in the "boilerplate" – are often ignored and overlooked, writes Brad N. Mondschein in an article published on Pullman & Comley LLC's website.

Are they Worth Price of Paper They're Printed On? – Ubersization of Arbitration Clauses

Article

Vanessa L. Goddard, of counsel with Steptoe & Johnson, provides some tips that make arbitration agreements more likely to be upheld by courts in the employment context.

Why Smart Contracts Need

Shrewder People

Article

The implementation of the contract requires no direct human involvement after the smart contract has been made a part of the distributed ledger, which makes these contracts “smart,” or autonomous.

Arbitration Under Fire: Brace for Less Contract Freedom and More Class Actions

Article

Encouraged by consumer groups and trial lawyers, federal regulators are pushing for limits on arbitration provisions in consumer contracts, writes George Calhoun in Ifrahlaw’s FTC Beat.

Donald Trump Settled a Real Estate Lawsuit, and a Criminal Case Was Closed

News

A lawsuit claimed that Trump SoHo condo-hotel tower was developed with the undisclosed involvement of convicted felons

and financing from questionable sources in Russia and Kazakhstan, the report states, *The New York Times* reports.

Exxxotica: Dallas Officials Knew What They Were Getting When They Approved Porn Expo

News

Just days after the city of Dallas filed an R-rated defense of the City Council's vote to ban Exxxotica from the city-owned convention center, the porn expo has fired back that Dallas officials knew exactly what they were getting when they took the porn expo's $28,080 last year, reports *The Dallas Morning News*.

The Plaintiff's Attorney's Search for Driver Fatigue to Inflate Value of Case

Article

In any instance involving the tragic loss of life or serious injury in commercial truck collisions, extensive discovery is required and one of the critical areas focuses on proof of hours of service violations, writes Mark Perkins.

Firm Releases Global M&A Roundup With League Tables of Legal Advisors

White Paper

After a record year for M&A in 2015, 16.2% higher than 2007's previous peak, there has been a cooling down period at the start of
2016m reports Mergermarket in its global M&A roundup.

Dykema Adds Auto Attorney William Kohler to Detroit Office

News

William J. Kohler has joined Dykema's Corporate Finance Practice Group as senior counsel in the firm's Detroit office.

Does Digital Technology

Improve Governance?

Article

An examination of the roughly 530 e-government projects funded by the World Bank in the past twenty years reveals that almost a third are unsatisfactory and perform worse than a typical project.

Here Come the Contract Readability Police

Article

The Texas Plain Language law will mandate that auto finance contracts be written at an 11th-grade reading level by 2017, writes Nicole Munro of Hudson Cook LLP in an article published in *Auto Dealer Today*.

This Is What It’s Like to Try to Sue Donald Trump

News

The tycoon has launched – or lent his name to – a slew of business ventures that have yielded frustrated customers and investors who have sought legal recourse, reports *Mother Jones* magazine.

An Introduction to Contract Boilerplate

Article

"Boilerplate" is standardized language used in common documents to reduce the time spent in negotiation and document preparation, explains Brad Reid, Senior Scholar, Dean Institute for Corporate Governance and Integrity at Lipscomb University, in an article published on the HuffingtonPost.

Secrets of an Ex–Lehman Exec: Erin Callan Opens Up About Flying High and Falling Hard

News

Erin Callan, Lehman Brothers' former top woman executive, writes in a memoir about flying high and falling hard and how she "imbibed the Lehman Brothers Kool-Aid," *Vanity Fair* reports.

Alleviate the Fear of a License Counterparty Filing for Bankruptcy

Article

A legitimate fear among companies negotiating license agreements exists, and that is the fear of the license counterparty filing for bankruptcy, reports Christopher A. Ward and Cortney E. Mendenhall of Polsinelli PC.

When I Buy a Business, Should I Have a Non-Compete Agreement?

Article

Buying or selling a business is a detail-intensive ordeal, and one of the most crucial parts of the final sales agreement is the non-compete agreement, according to an article posted by Brad Denton of Denton Peterson, PC.

All 2016 Candidates Support

Legal Weed – Sort Of

News

Now that Marco Rubio is out of the race, for the first time in U.S. political history, every presidential candidate – of both parties – supports at least states' rights to do as they please with regard to marijuana legalization, according to a report in *Rolling Stone*.

Executive Fired After Opposing 5,000% Drug Price Hike

News

A former vice president of the drugmaker that drew national criticism for raising the price of a parasite-fighting medication by 5,000% testified he was fired weeks after telling CEO Martin Shkreli the increase "was not justified," reports *USA Today*.

Termination of Commercial Contracts

Article

An article written by Jeremy Andrews and Talia Taylor of DLA

Piper highlights the key points to consider whether you are looking to terminate a contract or challenging an attempt to terminate.

Lex Disturbia: The Impact of Smart Contracts on the Law

Article

Even though they are still largely theoretical, smart contracts are being hailed as a force that will disrupt a number of industries, write Mark Hines and Niklas Holmberg of Gowling WLG in a post on Lexology.com.