

# J&J Hit With \$500 Million Verdict in Hip Implant Trial

## **News**

The verdict at the conclusion of the two-month trial called for about \$140 million in total compensatory damages and about \$360 million in punitive damages.

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# Electronic Signature Laws Around the World: Download eBook

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The widespread adoption of e-signatures has been supported by electronic signature laws around the world, including the Americas, Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia-Pacific.

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# Importance of Licensing Technology Created While at a University

## **Video**

One of the most critical and important contracts a startup can focus on, and do correctly, is to properly license IP from a

university so that it can be commercialized going forward.

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## **GM Says ‘Accidents Happen’ in New Ignition Switch Flaw Trial**

### **News**

The accident involving a collision on a New Orleans bridge during a January 2014 ice storm is at the center of a case that could affect the outcome of hundreds of other GM ignition switch cases.

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## **Burst Pipeline? Bankruptcy Court Rules Sabine Can Reject Midstream Contracts**

### **Article**

A judge has ruled that Sabine Oil & Gas Corp. has satisfied the standards for rejection of several gathering and handling agreements between Sabine and its midstream counter-parties.

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# McDonald's Under Fire for Labor Violations in Landmark Joint Employer Case

## News

A decision from the NLRB that McDonald's is a joint employer would open the door for a union formed by workers at franchised stores to bring the parent company to the bargaining table and set a precedent for other fast-food franchises.

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# Apple's Angry Response to the Department of Justice: A 'Cheap Shot' That's 'Intended to Smear the Other Side'

## News

The U.S. Department of Justice filed a legal response on Thursday to Apple's refusal to help the FBI unlock an iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino shooters, and Apple quickly responded, with general counsel Bruce Sewell delivering a tense and angry response in a conference call with reporters, reports *Business Insider*.

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# Lingering in *Lexmark's* Wake, Uncertainty About Limits of Patent Exhaustion

## *Article*

Although the Federal Circuit's decision purports to maintain the status quo regarding patent exhaustion, *Lexmark* has immediate implications for patentees, licensees, and downstream consumers alike.

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# eSignLive Will Present E-Signature Legal FAQ Webinar

## *Event, March 29, 2 p.m. EST*

eSignLive by Vasco is sponsoring an online presentation offering a unique look at e-signatures and answering the most frequently asked legal questions on the topic.

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# The Plaintiffs' Lawyer Chasing VW

## *News*

Elizabeth Cabraser's eloquence and focus on the clients contrasted with dozens of others who pitched the judge to lead the massive case against Volkswagen, bragging about their most

recent newspaper awards, school credentials and trial prowess.

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## Vendor Contracting and GLBA's Safeguards Rule

### **Article**

Transactions between financial institutions and their technology services providers are often regulated by GLBA. GLBA includes both privacy and safeguard rules related to customer information. These rules require financial institutions to implement adequate administrative, procedural, and technical safeguards designed to safeguard customer information.

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## Job Applicant Waited Too Long to Sue Over Credit Report

### **News**

The statute of limitations on an unsuccessful job applicant's Fair Credit Reporting Act claim began to run when he discovered that his credit report had been pulled.

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# Killer Contract Clauses

## *Article*

Contracts and the law are not about common sense. They're about rules. Know them and win. Ignore them and forget about retiring on time, writes Jack Garson."

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## **Latham & Watkins Advises Checkpoint in \$443 Million Acquisition By CCL Industries**

### *News*

Checkpoint Systems, Inc., a leading global supplier of merchandise availability solutions for the retail industry, has announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to be acquired by an affiliate of CCL Industries Inc.

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## **Download: TMF's Global Benchmark Complexity Index 2015**

### *White Paper*

TMF Group's report ranks jurisdictions according to their complexity from a corporate secretarial perspective, and is based on results from a survey conducted across TMF Group

offices.

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# Smart Contracts May Create Significant Innovative Disruption

## Article

Smart contracts today may be similar to e-commerce in the 1990s – poised for widespread adoption and explosive growth even though it may still be a few years off, writes Oliver Herzfeld, chief legal officer of Beanstalk.

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# Justice Scalia's Death Prompts Dow Chemical to Settle Price-Fixing Case

## NEWS

Dow was facing a \$1.1 billion judgment in a price-fixing case, but now Dow Chemical says it no longer thinks it could win its appeal without Justice Antonin Scalia on the bench.

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# Judge Gives Volkswagen a Month to Present Diesel Compliance Plan

## **NEWS**

Volkswagen has been given until March 24 to present an acceptable fix for bringing nearly 600,000 diesel cars into compliance with clean air laws, reports DW Akademie.

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# Kirkland Counsels EIG on Its \$500M Equity Commitment to Rice Midstream Holdings

## **NEWS**

Rice Energy Inc. has completed a \$375 million equity investment by EIG Global Energy Partners, on behalf of EIG managed funds, into Rice Midstream Holdings.

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# Patent Exhaustion Can Be Avoided By Lawful Post-Sale



# Contractual Restrictions

## *Article*

The en banc Federal Circuit held that patent exhaustion can be avoided by otherwise lawful post-sale contractual restrictions and that foreign sales of a patented item are not presumed to exhaust patent owner's rights in the United States, according to a report posted by Dentons.