AZA Names Nine New Hires

NEWS

Houston-based Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing has added nine attorneys.

Supreme Court Says Class Action Lawsuits Can Survive Compensation Offers

NEWS

Justices ruled that offers of full compensation to the lead plaintiff in such a case do not automatically end the legal challenge.

Akerman Adds CFPB Regulatory and Enforcement Lawyers

NEWS

Thomas Kearney and Mary (Molly) Calkins join the firm’s Washington, D.C., office, working in federal and state compliance as well as operational support capabilities.

E-Sign is Not Enough: Reduce Legal and Compliance Risk – White Paper

White Paper

Businesses of all sizes are moving their customer transactions to the web. As the adoption of electronic signature technology grows, so does the number of e-signature solutions in the market,

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Major Contract Settlements & Negotiations – December 2015

Article

Winston & Strawn has compiled a list of more than 20 major news developments involving contract settlements and ongoing contract negotiation during the final month of 2015.

Insurance Partially Covers

Merck’s $830 Million Vioxx Settlement

NEWS

The company’s cash payment for the settlement and fees will be about $680 million after reimbursement from insurance policies, Merck said.

Tips for Avoiding Pitfalls in Technology Contracts

Article

The recent problems experienced by Finish Line should be instructive to all users and providers of technology products and services, according to a report posted by FisherBroyles LLP.

Houston Trial Lawyer John Kim Debuts New Business Law Video

See the video here.

Global M&A Roundup Shows ‘Perfect Storm for Acquisition Finance’

White Paper

Law firm Skadden Arps Slate Meagher holds on to the number one spot for deal value for another year while Latham & Watkins jumps from fourth to second last year.

CFPB Proposes Banning Use of Pre-Dispute Arbitration Agreements in Consumer Class Actions

Article

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has proposed prohibiting application of pre-dispute arbitration agreements to class litigation involving certain consumer financial products, according to a report published by Carlton Fields on its website.

Franchise Disclosure Compliance: The Nuts & Bolts

Event, Jan. 19, 3 p.m. EST

Dickinson Wright LLP will present a free webinar highlighting many of the “must do” or “must consider” matters for compliance with franchise disclosure legislation in U.S.

Obama’s Gun Control Actions Open Legal Can of Worms

Commentary

While the new guidance says collectors and gun hobbyists are largely exempt, the exact definition of who must register and conduct background checks is vague.

Artful Pleading Fails to Circumvent Contractual Liability Exclusion

Article

D&O policies are not intended to insure contracts entered into by insureds: that is why D&O policies routinely contain contractual liability exclusions.

10 Things to Know About Leasing and Financing Aircraft in the US

Article

An article published by Norton Rose Fulbright outlines 10 important points of law to consider when leasing or financing aircraft in the United States, ranging from registration to dealing with insolvency.

Duty to Negotiate in Good Faith: Much Ado About Nothing?

Article

A recent ruling is a noteworthy development in the law of contracts and a caveat for practitioners and their business clients.

Beware Of Being Burned By the China MOU/LOI

Article

Dan Harris writes in the Above the Law blog about how U.S. companies relying on a Letter of Intent (LOI) or a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) detailing the terms of their proposed China deal may be exposing themselves to substantial liability.

The Wonderful World of Waivers

Article

The article discusses the enforceability of waivers, consideration, applicable risks, representations and warranties, release language, and five pitfalls to avoid when drafting waivers.

Pandora Settles Fights With ASCAP, Broadcast Music in Wake of Royalty Ruling

NEWS

Through newly-forged deals, the music-streaming service

Pandora has put an end to royalty disputes with Broadcast Music and ASCAP.

USSC Rejects Refusal to Enforce Arbitration Provision

Article

Arbitration agreements that waive class actions or class arbitration are enforceable. And state-court judges must enforce them.

Dow and DuPont, Two of America’s Oldest Giants, to Merge in Megadeal

NEWS

Dow Chemical and DuPont, two of America’s biggest chemical companies, will merge and then split again into three companies, the companies said Friday.