EPA Announces Methane Rule Reconsideration, Adding to List of Obama-Era Rules Under Review

News

Authors Whit Swift and Brittany Pemberton write that the Methane Rule applies to oil and gas facilities for which construction, modification, or reconstruction started after September 18, 2015.

The SEC Doesn’t Like Your Employment Agreements

Insight

Companies should examine their employment agreements to ensure compliance with the SEC’s Rule 21F-17, writes Evan Gibbs for Above the Law.

Roy Moore’s Suspension Upheld By Alabama Supreme Court;

Decision Next Week on Senate Race

News

Moore was suspended over his administrative order against the issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex couples, reports AL.com.

Trump’s Trademark Continues Its March Across the Globe, Raising Eyebrows

News

This business enterprise poses legal and moral perils to the president, even though that business now is run by his two sons.

Ex-U.S. Attorney Links Firing to Trump Team’s ‘Helter-Skelter Incompetence’

News

Preet Bharara, the former U.S. attorney in Manhattan, calls the way his firing was handled a direct example of “helter-

skelter incompetence.”

Removal of Energy ‘Burdens’ Could Have Huge Impacts

Insight

A provision of the “energy independence” executive order signed by President Trump is so broad in scope that legal experts say it could affect numerous government responsibilities far beyond those that deal directly with energy and climate change, according to a post by Climate Central.

Democratic Supreme Court Opposition Grows; Schumer Warns GOP

News

Senate Democratic opposition to Donald Trump’s Supreme Court nominee swelled Friday as Democrats neared the numbers needed to block Judge Neil Gorsuch with a filibuster, reports the Associated Press.

Trump Appoints One of His Lawyers to Review Mergers

News

Companies are hoping that the new Republican administration will be more permissive with mergers than the Obama administration was, *The New York Times* reports.

Blue State Attorneys General Leading the Resistance to Trump's Agenda

News

With Democrats outnumbered in Congress, a coalition of blue state attorneys general has emerged as the strongest resistance to Donald Trump's conservative agenda, according to an article published by Bloomberg Businessweek.

Leon Cooperman Ordered to Trial in Insider-Trading Case

News

A billionaire investor could face trial on allegations that he reaped more than $4 million in illegal profits after conversations with a company insider, Bloomberg reports.

Texas May Face Federal Supervision After Judges' Ruling on Congressional Districts

Insight

A Dallas attorney says Texas may have to ask for permission to change election laws after a panel of federal judges ruled the maps drawn for three congressional districts violate federal statutes, according to a post on the website of Androvett Legal Media & Marketing.

The U.S. Tax Reform and the Energy Sector

Insight

Reforms in the U.S. tax code proposed being considered in Congress could have significant implications for the energy industry in the U.S., and worldwide, according to an article published on the website of Hogan Lovells.

Tillerson May Face Deposition About ‘Wayne Tracker’ Alias Emails

News

Tillerson sent the most sensitive messages to and from company board members, including communications about the risks associated with climate change, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said.

House Poised to Pass Bills Overhauling Civil Litigation

News

The far-reaching bills address class actions, asbestos cases and attorneys who file “frivolous” suits, reports Bloomberg BNA.

China’s ZTE Pleads Guilty, Settles With U.S. Over Iran, NKorea Sales

News

Reuters is reporting that Chinese telecom equipment maker ZTE

Corp has agreed to pay $892 million and plead guilty to criminal charges for violating U.S. laws that restrict the sale of American-made technology to Iran and North Korea.

U.S. Justice Department Targets Executives in Wells Fargo Probe

News

Reuters is reporting that a U.S. Justice Department probe into a phony accounts scandal at Wells Fargo & Co. is asking whether executives hid details from the company board and regulators as the problem grew over years.

Trump Seen as Supportive of Business-Backed Litigation Bills

News

An example is legislation calling for business-backed litigation measures, colloquially known as “tort reform,” reports Bloomberg BNA.

Gorsuch Often Sided With Employers in Workers' Rights Cases

News

Worker's rights opinions written by Judge Neil Gorsuch, President Donald Trump's pick for the Supreme Court, are often sympathetic but coldly pragmatic, and they're usually in the employer's favor, according to a review conducted by the Associated Press.

U.S. Extends Its Search for Dirty Money in Real Estate

News

The U.S. Treasury Department said it will extend its search for criminals who seek to launder money by buying U.S. real estate, according to a Reuters report.

Law Professors File

Misconduct Complaint Against Kellyanne Conway

News

The 15 professors wrote that Conway should be sanctioned for violating government ethics rules and “conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.”