Government Contracts Legislative and Regulatory Update – December 2016

Insight

Dentons has published the latest edition of its “Government Contracts Legislative and Regulatory Update,” a summary of the relevant changes that took place during November.

If Republicans Repeal Health Law, Paying For A Replacement Could Be Tough

News

Leading Republicans in Congress have vowed that even if they repeal most of the Affordable Care Act early in 2017, a replacement won’t hurt those now receiving benefits, reports NPR.

Akin Gump Event Examines Future of Renewable Energy

Market

On-Demand

Akin Gump has posted audio from a webinar looking at the future of renewable energy under the incoming Trump administration.

Sen. Jeff Sessions Faces Fight Over Bid to Be Trump's Attorney General

News

Sessions has a controversial past on issues of race and immigration, including his failed confirmation of a federal judgeship 30 years ago largely because of racially insensitive remarks, reports NBC News.

Data Breach Trends and Tips: What State and Local Government Lawyers Need to Know

Event, Jan. 12, 2017, 1 p.m. EST

Many state and local governments still don't believe that data

breaches and other cyber events can happen to them, while others simply don’t know what to do.

Former U.S. Attorney Debra Wong Yang Being Considered to Lead SEC

News

Debra Wong Yang, who was the top federal prosecutor in the central district of California from 2002 to 2006, met with President-Elect Donald Trump on Monday, reports *The Wall Street Journal*

Why the Fed Is About to Raise Interest Rates

News

The *New York Times* authors discuss life in a low-interest world and explain that the Fed is wrestling with three big, intertwined questions: How many people want jobs? How low are interest rates? And what damage is done by doing nothing?

Trump's SCOTUS Shortlister Kethledge Doesn't Mince Words

News

President-elect Donald Trump and Sixth Circuit Judge Raymond M. Kethledge have something in common – blunt opinions, reports Bloomberg Law.

Judge Squelches New Overtime Regs: Now What?

News

Should employers roll back new policies to save money and then face potential liability if the regulation is ultimately upheld? One employment lawyer says the risk might be worth it for nonprofits who often have people doing professional work, but earning in the $35,000 a year range.

When it Comes to Contracting With the Federal Government: Beware

Insight

Jennifer S. Cluverius of Nexsen Pruet, LLC writes about some of the most costly and often-unnoticed employment-related

compliance obligations faced by federal contractors and subcontractors.

Donald Trump’s Son-in-Law Tests Legal Path to White House Job

News

Ethics lawyers in both parties have warned that such an arrangement would violate that 1967 law enacted after John F. Kennedy installed his brother, Robert F. Kennedy, as attorney general, *The New York Times* reports.

Donald Trump Reportedly Eyeing Ted Cruz for Attorney General

News

Trump met Tuesday with the U.S. Senator from Texas. Cruz’s name has also mentioned as a possible nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mike Pence in Legal Fight to Keep Email Secret

News

Vice president-elect Mike Pence is the latest Washingtonian found at the cross-hairs of an email controversy that could provide a glimpse into how a Trump administration would respond to issues of government transparency, CBS News reports.

U.S. Consumer Financial Agency Could Be Defanged Under Trump

News

The agency, created in response to the 2007-09 financial crisis, is a target for some critics for such proposals an attempt to stop companies from blocking customers from class action lawsuits and another one to limit payday lending.

Energy Outlook: Platts U.S. Election Webinar

On-Demand

S&P Global Platts has posted an on-demand webinar taking a

look at the potential impact the recent presidential election could have on petroleum, natural gas, power and metals.

The Five Biggest Issues Facing the New Ninth Justice

News

The BloombergBusinessweek authors discuss the top five issues, which include climate change, arbitration, class actions, property rights and insider trading.

Trump’s Victory Has Enormous Consequences for the Supreme Court

News

At some point next year, the nine-member court will be restored to full capacity, once again with a majority of Republican-appointed justices, writes Robert Barnes for *The Washington Post*.

London Calling: The Law and Politics of Brexit

Insight

David Willink, a barrister with Lamb Chambers, takes a look at the legal and political implications of the recent British High Court ruling on Brexit – a ruling that Parliament should have a say before the UK invokes Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty – which triggers up to two years of formal EU withdrawal talks.

Clinton's Charity Confirms Qatar's $1 Million Gift While She Was at State Dept.

News

The Clinton Foundation has confirmed it accepted a $1 million gift from Qatar while Hillary Clinton was U.S. secretary of state without informing the State Department, even though she had promised to let the agency review new or significantly increased support from foreign governments, Reuters is reporting.

Boston Law Firm Accused of Massive Straw-Donor Scheme

News

Members of a 10-partner law firm in Boston made contributions to political campaigns with money that was reimbursed dollar-for-dollar by the firm, according to a report.