BP Fined $20 Million for Rigging U.S. Natural Gas Markets

News

BP Plc faces more than $20 million in penalties and surrendered profits after a U.S. regulator found that the energy giant manipulated commodity markets in Texas, according to a report by Bloomberg and published by *The Business Times*.

Theranos CEO Holmes Banned From Operating a Lab for 2 Years

News

Theranos Inc.’s Chief Executive Officer Elizabeth Holmes was banned for two years from owning or operating laboratories by U.S. regulators, a major blow against the controversial blood-testing startup that’s come under scrutiny for risking patient harm with unreliable tests, reports Doni Bloomfield for Bloomberg Technology.

U.S. Tax Agency Investigates Facebook's Ireland Asset Transfer

News

The tax authority is examining whether Facebook understated its U.S. income by selling rights to an Irish subsidiary too cheaply, reports Reuters.

Could Delegate's New Lawsuit Derail Trump's Nomination?

News

Plaintiffs are challenging state laws that require delegates to vote for a specific candidate, saying those rules are unconstitutional. They claim that delegates to the national convention should be allowed to vote for whomever they please.

SEC Charges Breitling Energy, CEO, General Counsel in Fraud Case

News

The SEC charged Dallas-based Breitling Energy Corp. and its

CEO, Chris Faulkner, of fraudulently spending tens of millions of dollars of investors' money on lavish meals, expensive cars, strippers and escorts, reports Mark Curriden of The Texas Lawbook

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Benchmarking Your Compliance Program

Insight

Compliance professionals and auditors should monitor this promised guidance from the Justice Department's Fraud Division on how it proposes to evaluate the existence and effectiveness of individual corporate compliance plans, writes Jose Tabuena.

Watchdog Group Denied Depositions in Third Clinton Email Case

News

The ruling gives some relief to the State Department and Clinton, which have both been the subject of intense scrutiny over the private email setup that the former secretary of State used throughout her time in the Obama administration, reports *The Hill*.

Ex-Countrywide CEO Mozilo Will Not Face U.S. Fraud Case

News

Reuters is reporting that former Countrywide Financial Corp CEO Angelo Mozilo and other executives will not face a U.S. Justice Department lawsuit for defrauding investors in mortgage-backed securities issued before the 2008 financial crisis.

Computer Use Policies – Are Your Company's Illegal According to the NLRB?

Insight

The National Labor Relations Board has continued its assault on businesses and their ability to legitimately protect their computer systems and information against unauthorized non-business use by employees, writes Shawn E. Tuma, in Cybersecurity Business Law.

Conflict Resolution Group Blasts Trump's Statement on Judge

News

CPR said it took this position in response to recent statements made by Trump questioning the impartiality of Judge Gonzalo P. Curiel because of his Mexican heritage, and also questioning whether a Muslim judge could fairly preside over a case involving him.

The State of Appeals at the USPTO, and How to Win Them with Big Data

Article

Once a practitioner determines that an appeal is the most advantageous response to a final rejection, big data can then guide him or her through the entire process of arguing that appeal, writes James Cosgrove of Juristat.

Alcohol-Related Workplace

Injuries Recordable, OSHA Says

Article

Employers are not exempt from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's reporting rule for on-the-job injuries linked to alcohol intoxication even though the injured employee's consumption of alcoholic beverages took place off the job, reports Bradford T. Hammock of Jackson Lewis.

Trump's Personal, Racially Tinged Attacks on Federal Judge Alarm Legal Experts

News

Donald Trump's attacks on a federal judge overseeing a pair of lawsuits against him have set off a wave of alarm among legal experts, who worry that the Republican presidential candidate's vendetta signals a remarkable disregard for judicial independence, reports *The Washington Post*.

North Carolina Blue Cross and

Blue Shield Sues U.S. Over Health-Care Payments

News

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina sued the federal government, becoming the latest health insurer to claim it is owed money under the Affordable Care Act, according to a report in *The Wall Street Journal*.

Federal Circuit Clarifies 'Accrual' of Claims under Contract Disputes Act

Article

Timeliness is critical when submitting claims to the government, or any contracting party, for that matter—public or private, writes Brian Dobbs for Bass, Berry & Sims PLC.

Effective Conciliation and Demystifying Intervention in EEOC Cases

Event, June 9, 1 p.m. EDT

Practical Law will present a webinar that will address

obligations on the part of employers, charging parties and the EEOC in conciliating and litigating EEOC cases.

Judge: Video of Clinton Aides' Depositions to Be Kept Secret

News

Videos of Hillary Clinton's former aides and others giving depositions in a lawsuit related to her private email set-up will be kept secret, at least for now, a federal judge ruled Thursday, according to a report by Politico.

Clinton E-Mail Use Violated Rules, State Department Audit Finds

News

Hillary Clinton's use of a private e-mail system while she was secretary of state violated State Department rules, the agency's Inspector General concluded.

Trump Taps Washington Lawyer Who Vetted Sarah Palin

News

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has tapped lawyer A.B. Culvahouse Jr., a longtime Washington fixture, to help vet his potential running mates, says a Bloomberg report that cites people familiar with the campaign.

Trump's Supreme Court List: All Conservative, Some Provocative

News

Donald Trump's list of people he would consider nominating to the Supreme Court includes judges who have indicated support for various conservative causes, range in age from 41 to 58 and hail primarily from conservative and Republican-governed states, reports Reuters.