

# Former Google Exec Will Lead U.S. Patent Office

## *NEWS*

The U.S. Senate has confirmed former Google executive Michelle Lee to head the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, a position that has been vacant for more than two years, reports Reuters.

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# Do You Really Know How To Manage An OSHA Inspection?

## *White Paper*

A white paper written by Howard Mavity of Fisher & Phillips give some advice on what managers need to note in order to challenge OSHA citations, especially when the citations arrive months after an inspection.

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# Supreme Court Describes 'Ordinary Principles of Contract Law'

## *White Paper*

A white paper published by Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan discusses a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that addresses the question: In a contract governed

by federal law, does “The End” really mean “The End”?

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## **Jonathan Bing to Lead Wilson Elser’s NYC Government Affairs Practice**

### ***NEWS***

National law firm Wilson Elser appointed Partner Jonathan L. Bing, a former New York State assemblyman and Governor Cuomo appointee, to head of the New York City Government Affairs practice.

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## **Crude Oil Exports: A View from the 114th Congress**

### ***White Paper***

An analysis by June DeHart, published in Environmental Leader, discusses the prospects of Congress lifting the ban on crude oil exports.

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# Key Energy-Related Tax Provisions in the 2016 Budget Proposal

## *White Paper*

McDermott Will & Emery has prepared a white paper on energy-related provisions in his recently released budget proposal for the 2016 fiscal year.

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# Government Contracts and Safety: Prevailing Wage, Living Wage, and OSHA

## *On-Demand*

Gordon & Rees presents a free on-demand webinar on the nationwide trends and hot topics in prevailing wage and Occupational Safety and Health Act claims; best practices for compliance; and practical strategies to reduce risks.

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# Republicans Put the Screws to Labor Board

## *NEWS*

The new Republican majority in the Senate is turning up the

pressure on the National Labor Relations Board, with a series of hearings and legislative attacks against policies that make it easier for workers to unionize, reports *The Hill*.

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## When Public Health Goes to Court: Judicial Structure and Functions

### *On-Demand*

The Network for Public Health Law has posted a complimentary webinar that looks at the structure and essential functions of the state and federal court systems.

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## How Drones Are Changing the Energy Industry

### *White Paper*

*The National Law Review* has posted a paper on the use of drones in the energy industry and the FAA's upcoming proposed regulations governing unmanned aircraft systems' usage.

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# Microsoft GC Calls for New Rules to Handle Government Data Requests

## **NEWS**

Microsoft's general counsel says he wants 2015 to be a "year for solutions" when it comes to the intersection of the internet and international law, according to a report at GeekWire.com.

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# Preparing Employers for the Next Stage of the Affordable Care Act

## **On-Demand**

Business Insurance offers a free on-demand webinar explaining how and why companies should prepare to comply with fresh health benefits requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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**GAO: Performance-Based**

# Contracts Are the Way to Go

## **NEWS**

Performance-based contracting received a boost when the Government Accountability Office found that the U.S. Department of Transportation is making progress in moving toward a national performance-based approach.

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## 4th Circuit Adopts 'Implied Certification' Theory of False Claims Act Liability

### **NEWS**

Ropes & Gray has published an examination of a recent 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling on the False Claims Act in *U.S. ex rel. Badr v. Triple Canopy, Inc.*, No. 13-2101.

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## Leveraging eSignatures for Better Compliance in Mortgage Lending

### **EVENT: Jan. 27, 12 p.m. CST**

Equifax Workforce Solutions will present a free webinar discussing best practices for incorporating electronic records throughout the life of a mortgage loan, as well as the power

of electronic signatures as a tool for achieving compliance with the ever-increasing regulatory burden.

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## **Top 10 Federal Contract Set-Aside Opportunities for 2015**

### ***White Paper***

GovWin has published a free white paper on the top government contract set-asides for the current fiscal year.

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## **SBA's Proposed Rule Regarding Limitations on Subcontracting**

### ***White Paper***

Piliero Mazza has posted a free white paper analyzing the Small Business Administration's proposed rule to implement provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2013.

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## **Developments for Government**

# Contractors to Watch in 2015

## *White Paper*

Crowell & Moring has posted the slides from a recent webinar on the recent ASBCA decision in Laguna Construction, which is likely to reverberate in 2015 and beyond.

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## High Court Case Could Foil Government Suits Over Job Bias

### *NEWS*

The Supreme Court could put the brakes on the Obama administration's growing crackdown against companies facing claims of discrimination against women, minorities and other protected groups.

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## Former Microsoft Chief Privacy Officer on the Cloud Conspiracy

### *NEWS*

Microsoft former chief privacy adviser Caspar Bowden recently presented "The Cloud Conspiracy 2008 – 2014."