

# DOJ Settles With JPMorgan Chase Over Bankruptcy Practices

## **NEWS**

The Department of Justice's U.S. Trustee Program has entered into a national settlement agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. requiring Chase to pay more than \$50 million to more than 25,000 homeowners who are or were in bankruptcy.

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# 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.