Documents: Mississippi Plant Owners ‘Willfully’ Used Ineligible Workers

News

There have historically been few criminal convictions for hiring people without documents because prosecutors must prove employers knowingly hired someone without legal work authorization.

Rejecting Power-Purchase Agreements in Energy Cases: Do Bankruptcy Courts Have Exclusive Jurisdiction?

News

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California held that it has exclusive jurisdiction over the rejection of wholesale power-purchase agreements, reports Holland & Hart.

Bar Association Panel Finds Trump’s Kentucky Judicial Nominee Unqualified

News

The ABA’s Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary says Walker “does not presently have the requisite trial or litigation experience or its equivalent.”

Boeing Has Friends in High Places, Thanks to Its 737 Crash Czar/General Counsel

News

When he was a federal appellate court judge, J. Michael Luttig brought on dozens of promising young clerks who are now spread throughout the judiciary and beyond,

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Duke Energy Sued for 2014 Coal Ash Spill Environmental

Harm

News
Duke Energy pleaded guilty to federal environmental crimes in 2015 and agreed to pay $102 million.

Census Plaintiffs Seek Sanctions Against Trump Administration for Trial 'Fraud'

NewsThe American Civil Liberties Union asked a New York court to grant new discovery into the alleged misconduct.

Trump, Democratic Candidates Lean on Two Biglaw Firms

News
The two Big Law firms are reprising their roles from 2016 in the latest election cycle, reports Bloomberg Law.

Justice Department Lawyer Defends Herself After Viral Video on Child Migrant Treatment

News

A Justice Department lawyer who argued in court that the federal government wasn’t legally required to provide soap and toothbrushes to detained migrant children in some conditions is defending herself after video of the exchange went viral, reports NBC News.

As Legal Glare Turns to Trump, His Faith in Supreme Court May Be Tested

News

As the focus of some of the major legal challenges shifts from his policies to Trump himself, there could be disappointments in store for him.

Fears Nachawati to Represent Maryland’s Calvert County in Opioid Lawsuit

News

Dallas-based Fears Nachawati has been retained by the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners in Maryland to pursue a lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors.

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24 Tense Cases Over Two Weeks: Chief Justice John Roberts is About to Show His Cards

News

Conflicts over interpretations of the law, and the churning environment of the nation’s capital, are no doubt adding to protracted disagreements behind the scenes, speculates CNN.

Are Contracting Parties

Treated the Same When it Comes to Notice Obligations?

Insight

Prudent construction professionals, particularly those doing business with the government, should understand and comply with all notice provisions in their contract, advises Smith, Currie & Hancock.

Public Defender Fired After Judge Discovers She Never Passed Bar Exam

News

An assistant public defender in Illinois has been fired after her boss discovered she is not an attorney.

U. S. Judge Voices Doubt on Trump Bid to Block House Subpoena for Financial

Records

News

A federal judge expressed astonishment Tuesday at arguments raised by President Trump's lawyers seeking to block his accounting firm from turning over years of financial records to the House Oversight and Reform Committee, reports *The Washington Post*.

Construction Defect Dispute Governed by Contract Disputes Act Not Yet Suited to Being a 'Suit'

Insight

The Southern District of California recently held that a series of demands for a general contractor to investigate and repair several construction defects at a U.S. Army facility did not constitute a "suit" within the meaning of the general contractor's commercial general liability policy.

Outcry Over EPA Proposal to

Weaken Standards for Cleanup of ‘Forever Chemicals’

News

The proposal would lower existing requirements for addressing groundwater contamination at military bases where large amounts of contamination have been documented.

Trial to Begin Over Claims Army Corps Knew of Flooding Risk in Wake of Hurricane

News

An estimated 8,000 to 10,000 homes and businesses flooded near government-run dams to the west of Houston in 2017.

Miller & Chevalier Adds Government Contracts Lawyer from the Department of the Navy

News

Abigail Stokes joins the firm after almost 10 years as a

first-chair government contracts attorney for the United States Department of the Navy.

Big Law Pay Equity Gets Closer Scrutiny by Small Labor Agency

News

The Department of Labor recently cautioned law firms that do work with the federal government that it will be closely analyzing how their employment practices affect diversity.

Elon Musk and SEC Make Deal: He'll Have 'Experienced Securities Lawyer' Preapprove His Tweets

News

Business Insider reports that Musk must "implement mandatory procedures and controls" providing oversight of all of his communications regarding the company "made in any format."