

Ford Says Feds Have Opened Criminal Probe Into Its Emissions Certifications

News

CNBC is reporting that the Justice Department has launched a criminal investigation in a matter relating to Ford Motor's emissions certification process.

Pepper Hamilton Ordered to Turn Over Baylor Investigation Materials to Plaintiffs' Attorneys

News

A U.S. district judge has ordered Pepper Hamilton LLP to turn over materials tied to the law firm's 2015-16 investigation that led Baylor University regents to report the school had fundamentally failed in its Title IX implementation duties, reports the *Waco Tribune-Herald*.

Whistleblowing General Counsel Gets \$1.87 Million Payday

News

A statement from the agency said an appeal is being considered, should the judge uphold the jury's verdict.

Former Prosecutor: Mueller's Hedging on Obstruction 'Somewhat Surprising'

Insight

"It is perhaps somewhat surprising that Mr. Mueller didn't provide a conclusion on the issue of obstruction of justice. Certainly, many Americans were expecting a clear-cut decision," said Philip Hilder, a former U.S. prosecutor in Houston.

Energy Market Manipulation Remains a Hot Issue at FERC

Insight

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is continuing to

aggressively investigate and bring enforcement action against companies that engage in energy market manipulation, reports WilmerHale in its 10-in-10 Hot Topics in Energy Series.

Hackers Shut Down Boston Legal System for Weeks, Seeking Payment in Bitcoin

News

A cyberattack on the agency overseeing Boston public defenders has caused a weekslong slowdown, disabling e-mail systems, delaying some hearings, and hanging up payments for the private attorneys who represent clients, reports *The Boston Globe*.

Lawsuit: Trump Family-Planning Rule 'Politicizes' Medicine

News

The new Department of Health and Human Services rule would prohibit family planning clinics funded by the federal Title X program from making abortion referrals.

Foley Adds Former US Congressman Michael Capuano in Boston

News

Foley & Lardner LLP announced former U.S. Congressman Michael Capuano has joined the firm's Government Solutions Practice as a public affairs director.

Supreme Court Limits Police Powers to Seize Private Property

News

The court's decision will open the door to new legal arguments when the value of the property seized was out of proportion to the crimes involved.

U.S. Supreme Court Asked to

Review Zero Emissions Credit Schemes

Insight

if the Supreme Court accepts the zero emission credits cases, it could clarify the scope of FERC's authority to preempt state policy goals that interfere with the operation of wholesale markets, according to Verrill Dana LLP.

Roberts Again Sides With Liberal Supreme Court Justices in Disagreeing With Lower Court Interpretations

News

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. has sided with liberal Supreme Court justices in cases involving the death penalty and abortion access, reports *The Washington Post*.

Trump's Emergency Declaration Echoes Harry Truman Failed

Attempt

News

Trump's emergency declaration is similar to President Harry Truman's attempted takeover of the steel industry to avoid a strike during the Korean War by the United Steelworkers of America.

Amid Growing Scandal, MoFo Launches Investigation Into Partner Justin Fairfax

News

The Morrison & Foerster partner is taking a leave of absence, according to an internal memo obtained by CNN.

Record Multimillion-Dollar Settlement Reached for Susman Godfrey Partner's Traumatic Brain Injury

News

Brooke Taylor was 38 at the time of the crash and in the early part of what was an already decorated career with the law firm

Susman Godfrey as an intellectual property litigation attorney.

DOJ Hiring Attorneys to Handle Property Seizures for Border Wall

News

The attorneys likely will deal with eminent domain property seizures and quarrels with landowners over what their land is worth.

Border Wall Needs Private Property. But Some Texans Won't Give Up Their Land Without a Fight.

News

Previous eminent domain attempts along the Texas border have led to more than a decade of court battles, according to *The Washington Post*.

Judge Rebukes DOJ, Says U.S. 'Laughable' for Using Shutdown to Delay Suit

News

The judge decried "an abdication by the president and the Congress" of the duty to govern responsibly.

General Counsel Named in Corruption Probe Subpoenas Resigns

News

Emily McNeeley was placed on unpaid leave in April after corruption investigators repeatedly named her, and her boss in subpoenas served on the county.

Federal Courts Run Out of

Cash Next Friday. Here's What Happens Then

News

During the shutdown, the system can spend money left over from fees and other sources to run through Jan. 11.

In 8-Month Tenure, Non-Elected NY AG Was Leading Trump Antagonist

News

Barbara Underwood was an apolitical force in New York, quietly serving as solicitor general before getting an unexpected promotion to become the state's first female attorney general, writes the Associated Press.