Court to Consider High-Stakes Tobacco Fight

News

Two decades after Florida reached a landmark legal settlement with tobacco companies, an appeals court is slated to hear arguments Tuesday in a dispute about more than $100 million in payments.

Court Enters Judgment Totaling More Than $32 Million on Jury’s $10.8 Million Verdict

News

Shortly before COVID-19 halted jury proceedings across the United States, a Mississippi jury sided with the Government to return a $10.8 million verdict against Stone County Hospital and several affiliates for what the jury found were false Medicare claims submitted in violation of the False Claims Act.

Historic Opioid Agreement Clears Way for Rural Communities to Benefit from Litigation Settlements

News

A landmark agreement between the Texas Attorney General's office and a group of Texas counties and cities impacted by the country's opioid epidemic paves the way for future settlement money to be directed to rural communities battling the crisis.

Limitation of Liability During the Coronavirus Pandemic

News

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, state and federal authorities have recognized a need for as many trained, experienced, and qualified health care providers as possible.

$4M Verdict Over Doctor's Failed Attempts to Insert Catheter

News

West Palm Beach attorneys William D. Zoeller and Michael V. Baxter of Schuler Halvorson Weisser Zoeller Overbeck obtained a $4 million jury verdict for the family of a 72-year-old man who died after his doctor tried to insert a catheter 14 times—for a procedure the plaintiffs alleged could have waited.

"Twisted" Path to New Trial for Dr. Paulus

News

A 2018 Sixth Circuit panel upheld a jury verdict convicting Dr. Richard Paulus of submitting fraudulent medical claims. That same panel, with 2020 hindsight(!), reversed that conviction.

Former Tulare Hospital

Attorney Faces State Bar Complaint

News

Directors of the Tulare Local Health Care District (TLHCD) voted to file a formal complaint against their former attorney with the California State Bar Association.

Department of Justice Uses Travel Act to Prosecute Health Care Fraud

News

In April 2019, a federal jury found seven defendants associated with the Forest Park Medical Center (FPMC) in Dallas, Texas guilty on charges of conspiring to pay or receive health care bribes.

Jury Awards Pharma Whistleblower Over $760k in Retaliation Case

News

A federal district court in Massachusetts recently ordered

Minneapolis based Coloplast to pay over $760,000 to Plaintiff, Amy Lestage, for retaliating against her after she and others filed a whistleblower complaint against the company.

Opioid Settlement Offer Provokes Clash Between States and Cities

News

The three giant drug distributors are negotiating a deal with the states to end thousands of opioid lawsuits nationwide, in which they would pay $19.2 billion over 18 years and immediately submit to stringent monitoring requirements to assure that suspicious orders for prescription opioids would be halted.

Bradley Secures DOJ Settlement Beneficial to Client Aseracare in Longstanding False Claims Act

Matter

News

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP has secured a favorable settlement agreement for its hospice provider client AseraCare with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) over a Qui Tam lawsuit that began in 2008.

Perkins Coie Adds Healthcare Partner Zubin Khambatta to Austin Office

News

Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that Zubin Khambatta has joined the firm’s Healthcare industry group as a partner in the Austin office.

The Rise of Disruptionware and High-Impact Ransomware Attacks

Insight

The FBI’s PSA serves as a warning to businesses that they should have a plan in place to respond efficiently and appropriately in the event of high impact ransomware and

disruptionware attacks.

Physician Non-Compete Agreements Present Challenges, Potential Controversy

Insight

The key question when it comes to physician non-compete provisions is when do such provisions become unreasonable?

Physician Contracting: Understanding Letters of Intent

Insight

AMA senior attorney Wes Cleveland discusses physicians' letters of intent and when an attorney should be retained during the contracting process.

Survey: Workplace Equality, Mental Health and Brexit are Top Concerns of European Employers

Insight

Littler reports the survey found that improving workplace equality is top-of-mind for European employers, and most respondents are moving to address equal pay and workplace harassment.

Appellate Justice in Houston Serving With Alzheimer's Disease, Records Show

News

Documents filed in probate court indicate that she received an official diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in October.

Tentative Opioid Settlement

Reached in Ohio With Drug Companies