

The World's Best-Selling Drug Just Lost a Key Patent Battle

News

The rheumatoid arthritis and psoriasis medicine has recently been a target of biopharma companies that are trying to make generic Humira copycats called “biosimilars,” reports *Fortune*.

U.S. Accuses UnitedHealth of Medicare Advantage Fraud

News

The accusation against the company is the latest, following separate lawsuits in two separate whistleblower lawsuits against the country's largest health insurer, reports Reuters.

Big Law Widow Awarded \$3M in GlaxoSmithKline Case

News

Wendy Dolin's husband, Stewart, stepped in front of a CTA Blue Line train in the Loop on July 15, 2010. He had been taking paroxetine, a drug for depression and anxiety, reports *The Chicago Tribune*.

Health Law: Is Your Arbitration Agreement Enforceable?

Insight

A recent decision of the Arizona Court of Appeals provides guidance for evaluation of the enforceability of arbitration agreements in the health care field, reports Snell & Wilmer in its Health Law Checkup blog.

How States Are Using the Law to Bring Drug Executives to Heel

News

The generic drug industry has come under fire the last couple of years because of staggering price increases, but now generic drug executives can expect to face tougher legal repercussions, reports MedCity News.

Veteran Healthcare Lawyer Joins Barnes & Thornburg in South Bend

News

Barnes Thornburg LLP today that veteran Healthcare Lawyer Robert Wade is joining the firm's South Bend office as a partner in the Healthcare Department. He was previously a Partner at Krieg Devault.

Federal Appeals Court Sides With Physicians in 'Docs vs. Glocks' Case

News

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Thursday that Florida's so-called "Docs and Glocks" law, which prohibited doctors from asking patients about guns in the home, violated a physician's free speech rights, reports *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Doctor Guilty of Felony for

Botched Surgery; Prosecutors Said His Hands Were Deadly Weapons

News

Christopher Duntsch of Colorado has been in jail since his arrest in July 2015, charged with five aggravated assault charges after four of his patients were maimed and two died, reports *The Dallas Morning News*.

Bill in Texas Legislature Would Give Nurse Practitioners More Power

News

A bill in the Texas House seeks to end regulations that require nurse practitioners to contract with doctors in order to treat and write prescriptions.

Healthcare and the False Claims Act, 2016 Survey

Insight

Healthcare and the False Claims Act, 2016 Survey summarizes

the important laws, regulations, pronouncements, and cases of the past year, to inform healthcare providers and healthcare attorneys on this crucial statute in the healthcare industry.

Judge Blocks \$54 Billion Anthem-Cigna Health Insurance Merger

News

A federal judge blocked the \$54 billion merger between health insurance giants Anthem and Cigna, saying the deal would increase prices and reduce competition, according to a report by *The Washington Post*.

Painful Verdicts for Johnson & Johnson

News

The Lanier Law Firm said these verdicts marked the second and third bellwether trials among thousands of similar lawsuits nationwide that have been consolidated in multidistrict litigation in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

2016 HIPAA Year in Review: Audits, Fines, and Enforcement Trends

Event, Jan. 25, 2 p.m. EST

Compliance Group will present a complimentary webinar examining the major breaches and fines that made 2016 the most expensive year on record for HIPAA fines and enforcement.

Obamacare Repeal: 18 Million Lose Insurance, Premiums Soar: Report

News

NBC News is reporting that about 18 million people would lose or drop their health insurance in the first year after Obamacare is repealed, the Congressional Budget Office reported Tuesday.

A Chicago GC's Journey From Mortgages to Medical Marijuana

News

Charlie Bachtell, CEO and co-founder of medical marijuana company Cresco Labs, was general counsel at Chicago-based mortgage company Guaranteed Rate before he moved into the legal cannabis business, *The Chicago Tribune* reports.

Trial Lawyer Jay Old Joins Texas-based Hicks Thomas LLP

News

Veteran trial lawyer Jay Old has joined commercial litigation firm Hicks Thomas LLP where he will continue to represent construction, insurance, petrochemical and health care companies as part of his client portfolio.

Obamacare Replacement May Look Like Existing Law,

Without Mandate

Insight

The changes likely will be phased in over time, with very few, if any, immediately repealed. That will allow the new Congress time to fashion replacement parts. And those replacement parts will mostly resemble the old law, says Dallas health care lawyer Jeff Drummond of Jackson Walker LLP.

Judge Halves Jury's \$1 Billion Punitive Damages Award in J&J Hip Implant Case

News

U.S. District Judge Ed Kinkeade in Dallas found the jury's punitive-damage awards to six patients were excessive and should be reduced, according to court filings.

If Republicans Repeal Health Law, Paying For A Replacement Could Be Tough

News

Leading Republicans in Congress have vowed that even if they repeal most of the Affordable Care Act early in 2017, a

replacement won't hurt those now receiving benefits, reports NPR.

Nation's Largest Freestanding ER operator Shedding Executives

News

Graham Cherrington is the second executive to leave the embattled company suddenly in recent months, following a disappointing \$11.7 million loss in third quarter.