Jeep Drivers’ Claims Come to a Screeching Halt

News

A five-year legal battle between three certified classes of Jeep Cherokee drivers and Fiat Chrysler came to a sudden end, when a federal judge in the Southern District of Illinois held that allegations that the vehicles were vulnerable to cyber-attacks did not give plaintiffs standing to sue under Article III of the Constitution.

Time to Settlement and Case Complexity

News

In 2019, 15 percent of cases settled within two years of filing, consistent with the rate over the last 10 years. The average time from filing to settlement in 2019 was 3.3 years.

Chinese Government Sued in Multiple Class Actions by U.S. Citizens and Businesses

News

An initial wave of three class actions stemming from COVID-19

were filed against the Chinese government this past week.

With LinkedIn Trademark Settlement, Cannabis Tech Standout LeafedIn Finalizes Rebrand to LeafedOut

News

LeafedOut, formerly known as LeafedIn, announced a resolution to their intellectual property dispute with the professional networking site “Linkedin” that correlated with their complete rebrand to Leafedout as of the start of this year.

Eleventh Circuit Affirms Individual’s $41 Million Verdict Against Tobacco Companies

News

The Eleventh Circuit affirmed denial of motions for judgment as a matter of law against R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and Philip Morris USA Inc. in a published opinion upholding multi-million dollar jury verdicts against both defendants.

Seventh Circuit Court Of Appeal (Mostly) Affirms Judgment Against Dish

News

The appellate court concluded that the district court made no material legal errors save one– in assessing damages the Court started with the Plaintiff's ability to pay and worked backward.

GM Reaches Settlement Over Lost Vehicle Value From Defective Ignition Switches

News

General Motors has reached a $120 million settlement with owners who claimed that their vehicles lost value because of defective ignition switches, which have been linked to 124 deaths.

City Of Ferguson Hit With $1.7 Million Settlement For Municipal Court Abuses

News

A St. Louis County Circuit judge has given preliminary approval to a nearly $1.7 million settlement on a class-action lawsuit

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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.

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.

Equitable Tolling: “Estopping” the Clock from Running on Your Claims

News

A court can preclude a defendant from asserting a statute of limitations defense where the defendant’s own intentional misconduct prevented the plaintiff from timely filing suit.

Foundry Employees’ Action is a “Mass Action” Subject to Removal Under the Class Action Fairness Act

News

The Eleventh Circuit has clarified the scope of the ‘local

event exception’ to the federal-court jurisdiction over ‘mass actions’ conferred by the Class Action Fairness Act (“CAFA”), holding that claims by former foundry employees against manufacturers and distributors of products used at the foundry are not within the exception.

Keep Learning While Your Case Is in Limbo: Seven Ways to Use the Pause

News

One after another, like dominos, court systems are shutting down or moving to drastic restrictions. In the process, court dates are being pulled and cases are moving into limbo.

Malpractice Suit for Document Hack That Exposed Client Info Can Proceed

News

A prominent Chinese dissident may proceed with his malpractice case against a law firm based on allegations that the firm failed adequately to protect his personal data from hackers.

Proposed Settlement of Age Discrimination Case Hardly Onerous for PricewaterhouseCoopers

News

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) has agreed to settle a class action lawsuit alleging age discrimination in hiring by paying out $11.625 million, an amount that is not even a blip on the radar screen of a firm that reports annual revenues in excess of $41 billion.

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.

DoD Wants to ‘Reconsider Certain Aspects’ of Decision to Award Microsoft $10B JEDI Contract

News

New court filings reveal that the Department of Defense wants to ‘reconsider certain aspects’ of its decision to award Microsoft with the coveted $10 billion Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure contract.

$143 Million Columbia Gas Settlement Gets Final Approval From Judge

News

“A $143 million settlement between Columbia Gas and thousands of people affected by the company’s 2018 pipeline disaster in the Merrimack Valley received final approval from a state judge on Thursday.

Am Law 50 Firm Demands Massive Tax Breaks, Sues Government For Not Handing Them Over

News

The Am Law 50 firm moved its headquarters to Philadelphia's Cira Centre in 2005, taking advantage of a tax break program that Pennsylvania offers businesses to move into developments in formerly run-down areas.

A General Counsel's View of Arbitration Clauses in Employee Contracts

Insight

One of the big upsides to arbitration from Fairey's point of view is that the process takes a lot of the emotion out of a dispute.