Broad Settlement Discharges Mineral Liens

Insight

When you prepare, review and/or sign settlement agreements you sometimes pay less attention than you should to the details of those “standard” releases, writes Charles Sartain in Gray Reed’s Energy & the Law blog.

Download: Designing an Information Governance Plan That Meets Your Ediscovery Needs

Insight

The guide breaks down the five key components that information governance shares with ediscovery and explains why the quality of your ediscovery depends on the quality of information governance.

A GC Says She Was Told to

Serve the Cake. She Complained, Then She Was Fired.

News

The former general counsel of ExlService Holdings says in a lawsuit that she suffered from gender stereotyping in her job, illustrated by an order from the CEO that she serve cake to the company’s junior male employees at a company anniversary.

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.

Boeing Appoints Legal Czar to Oversee Fallout From Fatal

737 MAX Crashes

News

Statements indicate Boeing plans to take an aggressive stance in responding to civil allegations and any potential criminal accusations.

‘Frivolous’ Claims Lead to 7-Figure Sanction for Lawyer and Client

News

Judge Margaret Ann Brennan imposed sanctions totaling $1,061,623 against Marshall Spiegel and his lawyer, John Xydakis, in a case involving a condominium association.

Former Practice Chair Says Dentons Owes Her Over $390K

News

Jessica Abrahams, now at Drinker Biddle & Reath, claims Dentons breached a contract that guaranteed she’d have the funds in her capital account returned to her if she left the firm.

‘Immoral and Barbaric’: Cancer-Surviving Judge Blasts Insurer For Denying Lawyer’s Treatment

News

One judge, who felt he had to recuse himself and who was a prostate cancer survivor himself, made it clear how he felt about the case.

Landowners, Energy Companies Seek to Capture Court’s Ruling in Historic Hydraulic Fracking Case

News

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has agreed to hear a case to consider whether the rule of capture applies to hydraulic fracking, reports The Hydraulic Fracking Blog of Norton Rose Fulbright.

Webinar May 7: Contracts Litigation Report

Webinar, May 7, 2019

The Lex Machina contracts litigation event will cover the latest findings and trends on top law firm and party data, timing metrics, case resolutions, damages awards, and more.

Merger Agreement Termination Based on Plain Contract Language

Insight

The article expands on key takeways from the ruling, including the need for struct compliance with notice provisions, the lack of implied duty to warn a counterparty of its mistake, the discoverability of text messages, and enforceability of reverse termination fees.

Luxury Goods In-House Lawyer Sues Employer for Alleged

Harassment

News

The plaintiff says executives shrugged off her complaints of sexual harassment as “a byproduct of being an attractive woman who works at a company with a French culture.”

Alexander Dubose Jefferson Adds Former Appellate Justice

News

Bill Boyce, a justice on the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in Houston for 11 years, has joined Alexander Dubose & Jefferson in the firm’s Houston office.

Webinar: Impact of Meritless Claims on Multidistrict Litigation

Webinar, May 16

The webinar will discuss the problem meritless claims pose to the multidistrict litigation process and explore proactive solutions to help identify frivolous claims early in the process.

Mineral Interests: Executive Right Holder Liable for Refusing to Lease

Insight

The article in the Energy & the Law blog explains that the case presented an opportunity for the court to apply the guidelines outlined in an earlier ruling to a different scenario: whether the executive breached the duty by *refusing* to lease.

McGuireWoods Hit With Records Demand in Suit Over Energy Deal

News

Bloomberg Law reports that an importer-exporter who says two former partners and their attorneys at McGuireWoods LLP used dirty tricks to strip their joint venture of its assets has accused the law firm of sitting on the records he needs to prove it.

Federal Appeals Court Upholds $9.5 Million Judgment for Encompass Office Solutions

News

The appellate court found that BlueCross BlueShield of Louisiana failed to properly reimburse Encompass Office Solutions for in-office medical procedures.

Webinar: Ensuring Copyright Protection in a Changing Legal Landscape

Webinar, May 2, 2019

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, “Ensuring Copyright Protection in a Changing Legal Landscape,” featuring Fitch Even attorneys Alisa C. Simmons and Kerianne A. Strachan.

Apple, Qualcomm Settle Bitter Dispute Over iPhone

Technology

News

Apple will make an undisclosed one-time payment to Qualcomm and pay unspecified patent royalties to the chipmaker, reports the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Revenge of the Robocall Recipients: Jury Finds Marketer ViSalus Liable for 1.8 Million Calls

News

Thei verdict exposes ViSalus to statutory damages of about $925 million, which could be trebled.