

# Oral Revocation of Consent Insufficient Where Contract Required Writing

## *Insight*

A post on the website of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips discusses a case in which an Ohio federal court found that, where a contract required written revocation of consent to be contacted, a consumer's attempt to orally revoke consent failed.

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# White House Withdraws Judicial Nominee; GOP Didn't Have Votes for Confirmation

## *News*

The nomination drew widespread criticism over articles Ryan Bounds wrote in the Stanford Review as an undergraduate that ridiculed multiculturalism and groups concerned with racial issues, according to *The Washington Post*.

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# Court Affirms Take-Nothing

# Verdict for Company Harmed by Texas Ponzi Scheme

## *News*

A federal district court judge has affirmed a take-nothing defense verdict for the owner of an Oklahoma City-based company that unknowingly provided services in connection with a mineral royalties Ponzi scheme.

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# Netflix v. Winston & Strawn Spotlights Advance Conflict Waiver

## *News*

The waivers—often broadly worded and vague—have become a regular feature of retainer agreements that large law firms execute with corporate clients, according to Bloomberg Law.

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# Jury Needed Only 45 Minutes to Agree on Punitives in Johnson & Johnson Talc Case

## *News*

Johnson & Johnson was ordered to pay \$4.69 billion to 22 women

and their families who had claimed that asbestos in the company's talcum powder products caused them to develop ovarian cancer, reports *The New York Times*.

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## **How Important are Irreparable Injury Provisions in Non-Compete Agreements?**

### **News**

Employers who use non-compete agreements take note: Minnesota courts want to see more than just words in a contract before they will grant injunctive relief against a former employee, warns a post on the website of Dorsey & Whitney LLP.

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## **Dick Sayles Named Dallas Bar Association's 2018 Trial Lawyer of the Year**

### **News**

Dallas trial lawyer and Sayles Werbner co-founder Richard A. "Dick" Sayles was chosen by the Dallas Bar Association as the 2018 Trial Lawyer of the Year.

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# 3 Ways Trump's Supreme Court Pick Could Transform U.S. Labor Law

## **News**

Experts contacted by *The Washington Post* said the court's opposition to organized labor's priorities are likely to intensify if Kavanaugh is confirmed,

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# ITT's Former Top Executives Settle Fraud Charges With SEC

## **News**

ITT chief executive Kevin Modany and former chief financial officer Daniel Fitzpatrick were charged with civil fraud in 2015 for allegedly deceiving investors about high rates of late payments and defaults on student loans backed by the company, according to *The Washington Post*.

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**Halliburton Accused by**

# Government of Harassing Muslim Workers

## *News*

The lawsuit continues the agency's crackdown on employer practices or other workplace behaviors that target workers who are Muslim or Sikh, or of Arab, Middle Eastern, or South Asian descent, according to Bloomberg Law.

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# IADC Calls for Class Action Reforms in Ontario, Canada

## *News*

The International Association of Defense Counsel has submitted to the Law Commission of Ontario its recommendations for reform to the Ontario Class Proceedings Act that could eventually affect class action legislation in Ontario and other Canadian provinces.

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# Texas Supreme Court Redefines an Offset Well Clause

## *News*

The Court purported to limit its holding to these facts, but the opinion could have far-reaching consequences, according to

# Texas Lawyers React to Justice Anthony Kennedy's Retirement

## *News*

Some Texas lawyers share their thoughts on the upcoming retirement of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy.

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# Contracts with Foreign Companies May Require a Rewrite

## *News*

The California Court of Appeal held that parties may not contract around the formal service requirements of the Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents, commonly referred to as the Hague Service Convention.

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# Supreme Court Deals Big Setback to Public Unions

## **News**

The 5-to-4 decision overturned a 40-year-old precedent and said that compelling such fees was a violation of workers' free speech rights, reports *The Washington Post*.

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# PA Court Rejects Fracking Company's Appeal In 'Rule Of Capture' Decision

## **News**

A Pennsylvania appeals court rejected a request by a natural gas production company to rehear a case whose outcome could affect drillers across the country, reports WSKG.

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# An Arbitrator's Power May Be Greater Than That of a Judge

## **Insight**

Although an arbitration agreement can be written (double-spaced) on one side of a cocktail napkin, in some cases it may grant greater authority to an arbitrator than a judge has, writes Narges Kakalia of Mintz Levin.

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# Oil Firm, Once Called 'Wolf of Wall Street Type' Company, Sued By SEC for Fraud

## *News*

Company brochures said that some of the wells were expected to provide returns of 300 to 500 percent, a number the SEC said conflicted with geologist production estimates, reports *The Dallas Morning News*.

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# Benefits and Challenges of Robotized Arbitration

## *Insight*

Big data and e-discovery can assist counsel in document management and reduce the risk of human error during discovery, write Winston Maxwell and Gauthier Vannieuwenhuysse of Hogan Lovells.

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# Citigroup Agrees to Pay Fine

# Over State Libor Probes

## *News*

The accord is the latest development in probes by governments around the globe into manipulation of benchmark interest rates, reports Bloomberg.