Workplace Litigation Report: The Good and the Bad

News

Employers can find good news and some bad news in Seyfarth Shaw's 14th Annual Workplace Class Action Litigation, which analyzes 1,408 rulings.

Important eDiscovery Case Law Decisions of 2017 and Their Impact on 2018

On-Demand

CloudNine has posted an on-demand webinar that covers key 2017 case law decisions covered by the company's eDiscovery Daily blog and what the legal profession can learn from those rulings.

SEC Weighs a Big Gift to Companies: Blocking Investor Lawsuits

News

Bloomberg is reporting that the SEC has privately signaled

that it’s open to at least considering whether companies should be able to force investors to settle disputes through arbitration.

Fund Manager Alleges Firm Fired Her After She Accused Executive Of Coercing Sex

News

The plaintiff alleged that she filed a formal complaint against her manager in early December and was fired nine days later, reports *The Los Angeles Times*.

Answers Demanded Following Deadly Oklahoma Rig Explosion

News

As this incident moves from the recovery of the victims to the cleanup and investigation stage, a prominent Texas trial lawyer says the industry must use this tragedy as a signal to take stock of their safety procedures.

Royalty Owners Seek Class-Action Status Against Talisman Energy USA

News

The lawsuit charges that from Jan. 1, 2013, to June 1, 2016, Talisman failed to report, account for and make royalty payments based on its lease agreements.

AZA Adds Six Litigators to Trial Team

News

Houston-based Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing has added six litigators to its trial, the firm announced.

Return to Sender: Aetna to Pay $17M to Settle Claims Related to Vendor Mailer Data Breach

Insight

Eric Begun of King & Fisher explains that the newly announced

settlement provides some important lessons in contract law, as well as some useful information on data breaches.

Download: Federal Judges Discuss E-Discovery Proficiency of Legal Teams

Insight

Exterro has published part 1 of the 2018 Judges Report, which provides an in-depth examination of how the bench views these e-discovery issues: attorney proficiency, judicial competency, how to resolve e-discovery mistakes effectively.

Qualcomm Just Got Fined $1.23 Billion for Illegal Payments to Apple

News

The European Commission found that Qualcomm effectively shut down competition in the market, no matter how good competitors' products were, reports *Fortune*.

Usual Suspects: MDL-Experienced Lawyers Flock to Opioid Litigation for Possible Big Payday

News

The prospect of the biggest payday since the $200 billion tobacco settlement in 1998 has drawn many of the same plaintiff lawyers who appear again and again in big tort cases, according to *Forbes*.

Trump Appointing Judges at Rapid Pace

News

A data analysis by the *Los Angeles Times* has found that President Trump is ranked sixth of 19 presidents for appointing the highest number of federal judges in their first year.

Appellate Court Tosses $2.9M

Judgment in Breach of Contract Case

News

The Texas 4th Court of Appeals in San Antonio found that the former lawyer retained by the two energy companies filed an agreement in a breach of contract lawsuit without signing it, and failed to keep the companies apprised of court events.

Biglaw Firm Hit With $300 Million Gender Discrimination Lawsuit

News

Ogletree, Deakins nonequity shareholder Dawn Knepper has hit her employer with a $300 million purported class-action suit alleging gender discrimination and unequal pay, reports Above theLaw.

Workplace Lawyers Race Against the Trump Clock

News

Labor lawyers rush to lock in payouts ahead of a shifting legal landscape, according to a Bloomberg report.

Judge Fines Environmental Attorneys $52,000 for ‘Frivolous’ Injection Well Suit

News

A federal judge has ordered a pair of attorneys for an environmental group to pay $52,000 in legal fees to an energy company because, the judge said, they filed a “frivolous” legal challenge to a fracking waste injection well in Pennsylvania, according to a report by StateImpact.

Defend, Indemnify, Hold Harmless – What This Contract Language Means for A/E Professionals

Insight

J. Brandon Sieg of Vandeventer Black LLP addresses the question of what is meant when a contract requires an architect or engineer to “defend, indemnify, and hold harmless” the project owner for specific (or not so specific) types of claims that might arise in the future.

Download: ‘Comprehensive E-Discovery Workflow Guide’

Insight

The Exterro resource compiles four checklists documenting best practices for each stage of the e-discovery process.

Billionaire Files Legal Malpractice Suit Over $214M Judgment

News

The plaintiff claims that he would not have been liable had Kaye Scholer and partner Peter Haveles objected to faulty jury instructions that Rennert has said led to an “irrational” February 2015 verdict, reports Reuters.

2018’s Top 10 Legal Challenges in Privacy and

Data Security

Insight

In an article for Bloomberg Big Law Business, Wiley Rein LLP's Kirk Nahra details the top-10 U.S. and international developments in 2018 that companies must be aware of to ensure an effective information security program.