Choice of Venue Provision Upheld in Employment Contract

Insight

Forum selection clauses that are not adhesive will be interpreted independently of the court's determination of the enforceability and validity of the contract as a whole, according to a post in Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice's Employment Law Blog.

Here are the Major Questions Before the Supreme Court This Year

News

Los Angeles Times reporter David G. Savage takes a look at the most-interesting legal issues that the U.S. Supreme Court will be facing during the first half of the new year.

Trump's Effort to Stop Publication of Scathing Book

is a Break in Precedent

News

Inn aDouglas Brinkley, a presidential historian at Rice University, likened Trump's actions this week to those of Richard M. Nixon, reports Slate.

Southwest Airlines Reaches $15 Million Settlement in Price Collusion Lawsuit

News

Southwest Airlines agreed to pay $15 million to settle nationwide antitrust litigation by passengers who accused the four largest U.S. carriers of conspiring to raise fares by reducing seating capacity, reports *Fortune*.

Spotify Hit With $1.6B Copyright Suit Over Tom Petty, Neil Young Songs

News

A music publishing company has filed a lawsuit in California federal court that alleges that Spotify is using tens of thousands of popular songs without a license and compensation,

reports *Billboard*.

Webinar: The 2017 Open Source Year in Review

Event, Jan. 17, 11:30 a.m. EST

Black Duck will present a complimentary webinar reviewing the past year's legal developments in open source software on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time.

GM Wins Ruling That Could Narrow Ignition Switch Litigation

News

The judge in the multi-district litigation ruled that the expert testimony offered by plaintiffs was unreliable, and their opinions "do not pass muster."

Apple’s iPhone Slowdowns Have Customers Hurrying to Court

NewsBloomberg Law reports that IPhone users have begun racing to courthouses, infuriated by an Apple Inc. software update that slowed down the operation of their smartphones.

The Net Neutrality Lawsuits Are Coming. Here’s What They’re Likely to Say.

News

Consumer groups and some state attorneys general have vowed to sue the FCC to overturn its net neutrality decision, writes Brian Fung in an article for *The Washington Post*.

Whistleblowers’ Lawsuit Leads to Massive Medical Fraud Settlement

News

The payments cap off longstanding allegations of a vast medical-fraud conspiracy between a major hospital chain and the physicians groups that bilked federal and state healthcare

programs, reports *The Charlotte Observer*.

Trump Judicial Nominee Struggles to Answer Basic Legal Questions at Hearing

News

Matthew Spencer Petersen, who is up for a seat on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, had to acquiesce on many occasions that his “background was not in litigation,” CNN reports.

Download: FRCP & E-Discovery: The Layman’s Guide

Insight

Exterro has published “FRCP & E-Discovery: The Layman’s Guide” to sort out the technical aspects of the FRCP as they relate to e-discovery, supported with relevant case law and expert opinions.

Inside Trump’s Legal Team: Trying to Protect the President From Mueller’s ‘Killers

News

Trump’s legal team in the Russia probe is derided by some as being indiscreet, error-prone and outmatched, according to *The Washington Post*

Republicans Attack ABA Over ‘Not Qualified’ Judicial Nominee Ratings

News

As the ABA has emerged as a major stumbling block in President Donald Trump’s effort to transform the courts, the GOP is accusing the nonpartisan group of holding a liberal slant and is seeking to sideline it, Politico reports.

2017 Data Discovery:

Celebrity Lessons on Litigation, Legal Ethics, and e-Discovery

Webinar, Dec. 14, 2 p.m. EST

Reed Smith LLP will present a webinar offering a look back on celebrity data discovery law in 2017 and how it affects you and your organization.

Is Non-Compete in Purchase/Sale of Family-Owned Business Enforceable?

Insight

Michael P. Connolly discusses the case of E.T. Products, LLC v. D.E. Miller Holdings, Inc., in which the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit recently addressed the enforceability of non-compete agreements that had been negotiated in connection with a sale of a business.

How Forced Arbitration and

Non-Disclosure Agreements Can Perpetuate Hostile Work Environments

Insight

It is possible for state lawmakers to crack down on corporate abuse of arbitration and non-disclosure agreements, but the prospects do not seem good, writes Michelle Chen for *The Nation*.

Will Biglaw Firms Get Caught in the Weinstein RICO Lawsuit?

News

Reporting on the filing of a RICO suit against the "Weinstein Sexual Enterprise" has brought up names of some Biglaw firms, but they're not named in the complaint.

Legal Symposium to Explore Groundbreaking Terror-

Financing Case

News

Werbner will discuss *Linde, et al. v. Arab Bank PLC* in a presentation titled, “Fighting Terror-Financing in the Courtroom,” during the State Bar of Texas Litigation Update Institute’s 34th annual course in January 2018.

J&J, Bayer Ordered to Pay $28 Million in First Xarelto Loss

News

The jury in Philadelphia on Tuesday ordered J&J and Bayer, which jointly developed the product, to pay $1.8 million in actual damages and $26 million in punitive damages, Bloomberg reports.