National Ranking Guide Names AZA to Best Law Firms List for Sixth Year

News

Houston’s AZA is listed in the 2018 top tier of area metropolitan law firms for commercial litigation. The selection of Best Law Firms is based on a rigorous process that includes client and lawyer evaluations and peer review from other attorneys in the same practice areas.

A Twist in Oil Patch Arbitration

Insight

Charles Sartain of Gray Reed discusses a recent case in which parties to the sale of a business sent their dispute to accountants to arbitrate.

Is It Time for People to Breach Their NDAs and Speak

Truth to Power?

Insight

Elie Mystal, writing for Above the Law, discusses some top factors to remember when dealing with a sexual predator who has signed you to a non-disclosure agreement.

Ex-Akin Partner Guilty of Trying to Sell Secret U.S. Whistleblower Lawsuits

News

As a former employee of the Justice Department, Jeffrey Wertkin had access to lawsuits filed by whistleblowers against companies on the government's behalf to recover taxpayer funds paid out based on fraudulent claims.

Judge to Trump Firms: Save Records for AGs' Emoluments Lawsuit

News

The AGs claim that the president's continued ownership of his business empire allows him to make money from foreign and domestic governments.

Judge Blasts Uber Lawyers, Delays Trade Secrets Trial

News

Explosive evidence alleging that a covert Uber unit stole trade secrets and hid internal communications emerged in federal court on Tuesday in the bitter intellectual-property dispute between Waymo and Uber, reports the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Law Firm Partners' Battle: 'Burn the Place to the Ground'

News

The scorched earth legal battle over the Cellino & Barnes law firm has escalated, with one of the partners threatening to "burn the place to the ground," according to court papers.

Not So Fast: Limits of

‘Settlement Negotiation’ Protections

Insight

It’s far too simplistic to suggest that anything your company considers to be a “settlement negotiation” is going to be kept out of court, warns Joseph A. Schouten of Ward and Smith, P.A

Two Burns Charest Lawyers to Lead Hurricane Harvey Flooding Class-Action Claims

News

The plaintiffs in the case are Houston homeowners whose properties were ravaged by floodwater releases from the Addicks and Barker reservoirs, which were designed for flood control.

Virtual Data Rooms for Litigation

Insight

Lawyers are taking advantage of virtual data rooms to communicate with their clients, experts and opposing counsel.

Trump Adds Five Names to List of Potential Supreme Court Justices

News

President Trump has added five names to his list of potential Supreme Court justices in a move that precedes the possible, but still unannounced, retirement of Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy, reports *USA Today*.

Enforce Arbitration Agreement or Waive Right to Arbitrate Trade Secret Misappropriation Claims

Insight

A recent federal court ruling on arbitration offers three key lessons for plaintiff-employers, according to a post on the website of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe.

Prominent Trial Lawyer Dead After ‘Battle With a Mental Health Issue’

News

Steve Mostyn, a top Democratic donor and prominent Houston trial lawyer who made his fortune suing insurance companies on behalf of homeowners after hurricanes, has died at 46.

Another Client Close to Firing Boies After Weinstein Revelations

News

Now even a pro bono client feels compelled to fire David Boies after revelations of the famed litigator’s role in attempting to hide Harvey Weinstein’s alleged history of sexual harassment and assault.

Ware, Jackson, Lee, O’Neill, Smith & Barrow on 2018 Best

Law Firms List

News

Ware, Jackson, Lee, O'Neill, Smith & Barrow, LLP has been named in *U.S. News and World Report* and *Best Lawyers* list of "Best Law Firms for 2018."

Here's How Trump Is Rapidly Reshaping the Judiciary

News

The plan called for concentrating on appellate openings, to avoid clogging the Senate with too many nominees for the district courts, where legal philosophy is less crucial, *The New York Times* reports.

An Overview of Recent Production Deduction Cases

On-Demand

Courts in several states recently have addressed questions about post-production cost deductions in petroleum production, according to an on-demand webcast from Steptoe & Johnson.

PREX17 Insights on Building a Preservation Game Plan That is Litigation-Ready

Insight

The Zapproved guide is intended to provide practical tips aimed at helping legal operations teams preserve relevant data, release legal holds and manage clear preservation workflows.

Super Lawyer Boies Entangled in Intrigue Over Weinstein; *Times* Fires His Firm

News

David Boies hired private detectives who sought to identify accusers and undermine *The New York Times*‘s news coverage of their claims, at the same time his firm was representing the newspaper.

JPMorgan Judge Upends $1.1 Million Whistle-Blower Verdict

News

A U.S. district judge says she saw prejudice in a jury’s verdict Tuesday that would have awarded $1.13 million in damages to a former JPMorgan Chase & Co. employee over her dismissal, according to Bloomberg.