Monsanto Ghostwrote Cancer Studies of Its Own Weed Killer, Plaintiffs in Lawsuit Say

News

Plaintiffs claim that Monsanto's toxicology manager ghostwrote parts of a scientific report in 2013 that was published under the names of several academic scientists, and his boss ghostwrote parts of another in 2000, according to a Reuters report.

ABC News Headed to Trial With Billions of Dollars on the Line

News

ABC News moved closer to a jury trial in South Dakota in a lawsuit alleging that the network defamed Beef Products Inc. in its coverage of a meat product critics have dubbed "pink slime," reports *The Hollywood Reporter*.

Family of Texas Man Killed in Biloxi Train-Bus Crash Files Lawsuit

News

A Texas woman is suing a railroad and a bus company for the death of her father who was killed when a freight train slammed into the tour bus carrying him and other senior citizens

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Austin Jury Finds Danish Woman Was Defrauded in $1.35M Condo Sale

News

A Travis County jury has returned a verdict against Chicago Title of Texas, LLC and other real estate-related businesses, finding they defrauded a young Danish woman of all proceeds from the sale of her $1.35 million condominium at the exclusive Residences at W Austin, according to a post on the website of Androvett Legal Media & Marketing

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Update: House Bill a ‘Death Sentence’ for Plaintiffs’ Firms

News

Pro-business groups see an opening for a series of bills moving through the House that would discourage class actions and generally make it harder to sue businesses, reports Bloomberg Businessweek.

Download: The Comprehensive Guide to Early Case Assessment

Insight

The guide discusses how the concept of early case assessment is changing in today’s digital age and provides tips for creating an ECA strategy to get to the facts of a case quickly.

House Poised to Pass Bills

Overhauling Civil Litigation

News

The far-reaching bills address class actions, asbestos cases and attorneys who file “frivolous” suits, reports Bloomberg BNA.

China’s ZTE Pleads Guilty, Settles With U.S. Over Iran, NKorea Sales

News

Reuters is reporting that Chinese telecom equipment maker ZTE Corp has agreed to pay $892 million and plead guilty to criminal charges for violating U.S. laws that restrict the sale of American-made technology to Iran and North Korea.

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9 New E-Discovery Case Law Summaries

Insight

Zapproved has published its new E-Discovery Case Law Summaries: 2017 Winter volume, covering the latest trends in applying the new Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to address cases involving preservation and discovery missteps.

Houston Janitorial Service Wins $7.8 Million from Union Over Disparagement

News

A Harris County jury has delivered a $5.3 million verdict against the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) for wrongly disparaging Professional Janitorial Service of Houston when the company refused to recognize the union without a secret ballot by its employees.

Trump Seen as Supportive of Business-Backed Litigation Bills

News

An example is legislation calling for business-backed litigation measures, colloquially known as “tort reform,” reports Bloomberg BNA.

Gorsuch Often Sided With Employers in Workers' Rights Cases

News

Worker's rights opinions written by Judge Neil Gorsuch, President Donald Trump's pick for the Supreme Court, are often sympathetic but coldly pragmatic, and they're usually in the employer's favor, according to a review conducted by the Associated Press.

Famous Patent 'Troll's' Lawsuit Against Google Booted Out of East Texas

News

Ars Technica reports the move could reduce Eolas' chances of winning a settlement or verdict when the case is heard in a court outside the plaintiff-friendly East Texas system.

Bio-Rad to Pony Up $3.5m in

Legal Fees for Ex-GC/Whistleblower

News

Bio-Rad Laboratories has agreed to pay $3.5 million in legal fees for the team that represented former general counsel Sanford Wadler during a whistleblower retaliation lawsuit Wadler brought against his former employer, reports MassDevice.com. The use of privileged materials played a part in the litigation.

Federal Judge to Holland & Knight: Sit Down and Shut Up

News

A judge in the Southern District of New York had some harsh words for Holland & Knight lawyers when they filed a response that the judge felt “abused the Court’s courtesy,” reports Above the Law.

Litigator David Sager Joins DLA Piper in New Jersey

News

DLA Piper announced the addition of David Sager to the firm’s

litigation practice as a partner in the Short Hills, New Jersey, office.

How States Are Using the Law to Bring Drug Executives to Heel

News

The generic drug industry has come under fire the last couple of years because of staggering price increases, but now generic drug executives can expect to face tougher legal repercussions, reports MedCity News.

Louis Vuitton Missed Joke from Parody Handbag Maker

News

Chris Schwegmann, an intellectual property partner at Dallas-based Lynn Pinker Cox Hurst, agrees Louis Vuitton missed the joke when another company sold an inexpensive canvas tote bag was an obvious parody of the famous designer’s pricey designer bag.

Chesapeake Energy and McClendon Estate Reach Settlement

News

The deal calls for Chesapeake to pay $3.25 million in legal fees and drop claims for $445 million related to data McClendon took from the company when he was fired in April 2013, reports *The Oklahoman*.

Older Judges and Vacant Seats Give Trump Huge Power to Shape American Courts

News

President Trump could soon find himself responsible for appointing a greater share of federal court judges than any first-term president in 40 years, according to a report in *The New York Times*.