Texas Supreme Court Rules Pipeline Can Take Land by Eminent Domain

News

Typically, the power of eminent domain is granted to governmental entities rather than private institutions. Under Texas law, however, a common carrier has the right and power of eminent domain, according to Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.

Webinar: Lessons Learned from Federal Opinions on Patentable Subject Matter

Event, Jan. 25, 11 a.m. CST

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, "Alice in Chains? Lessons Learned from Recent Federal Circuit Opinions on Patentable Subject Matter," featuring Fitch Even partners Eric L. Broxterman and David A. Gosse.

Trump Pays $25 Million to

Settle Trump University Litigation

News

Politico reports that Trump University transferred the funds Tuesday night, providing enough money pay back about half of the funds paid by students for the seminars.

Longtime Litigator Leads Geographic Expansion

News

Veteran trial lawyer Jay Old has joined the commercial litigation firm Hicks Thomas LLP, where he will represent construction, insurance, petrochemical and healthcare companies, effective Jan. 1.

Thiru Vignarajah Joins DLA Piper’s Litigation Practice in Baltimore

News

Thiru Vignarajah will join DLA Piper as partner with the firm’s litigation practice in the Baltimore office.

Download: 2017 Strategic E-Discovery Insights and Best Practices

Insight

Zapproved has published the proceedings catalog from the 2016 PREX, the premier conference for in-house e-discovery professionals. The catalog is available for free downloading.

Federal Court Dismisses Insurer’s Claims Seeking Tens of Millions of Dollars in Damages

News

The lawsuit sought more than $40 million in damages for an alleged shortfall in reinsurance collateral and claims relating to the issuance of various workers’ compensation policies.

Mark Zuckerberg, in Suit, Testifies in Oculus Intellectual Property Trial

News

Mark Zuckerberg, chief executive of Facebook, testified Tuesday in a trial that could cost his company $2 billion if a federal jury in Dallas finds that a company bought by Facebook stole technology that eventually went into a virtual reality headset.

Early Investigative Mistakes that Destroy the Privilege

Insight

It is imperative that individuals advising or conducting workplace investigations think about the way their actions will preserve or destroy the privilege at each step of the process, according to a report published by Lynch Service Company.

Federal Court Dismisses

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News

A federal judge has dismissed claims brought by a South Carolina insurance company against Texas-based insurance agency Highpoint Risk Services and its owner, Charles David Wood, Jr.

Takata to Pay $1 Bln to Settle U.S. Air Bag Probe – Sources

News

Sources told Reuters that the settlement will include $850 million to compensate automakers who have suffered losses from massive recalls.

Dallas’ Bailey Brauer Named Among Nation’s Most Feared

Law Firms

News

BTI Consulting Group's 2017 ranking of U.S. law firms that corporate lawyers never want to face in court includes Dallas' Bailey Brauer PLLC based on the firm's successful work in high-stakes litigation across the nation.

Trump Beats Libel Lawsuit Over Tweets Directed at Political Strategist

News

A New York judge on Tuesday has dismissed a defamation suit brought by a political strategist against Donald Trump, reports *The Hollywood Reporter*.

What Every Attorney Should Know About eDiscovery in 2017

Event, Jan. 25, 1 p.m. EST

CloudNine will present a webinar covering key terms, rules, duties and case law needed to meet the challenging discovery obligations that attorneys will face in 2017, the company reports.

Judge Nixes $360-An-Hour Fees For ‘Associates’ Who Looked More Like Temps

News

The fee order provides evidence at least some judges are starting to figure out the economics of the class-action business, reports *Forbes*.

Contract Drafting for Dispute Resolution

Insight

John M. Newman of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis has compiled a guide to drafting for dispute resolution.

California Hires Eric Holder as Legal Bulwark Against

Donald Trump

News

The Democratic leader in the California Senate said he expected California to challenge Washington on issues including the environment, immigration and criminal justice, reprots *The New York Times*.

Judge Halves Jury's $1 Billion Punitive Damages Award in J&J Hip Implant Case

News

U.S. District Judge Ed Kinkeade in Dallas found the jury's punitive-damage awards to six patients were excessive and should be reduced, according to court filings.

Trump Lawyer: No Settlement in Lawsuit Against Celeb Chef

News

Lawyers for the Trump Organization and for Zakarian's company told the judge that the two parties had reached an impasse.

Gardere Represents Matrix Petroleum in Breach of Contract Suit

News

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP successfully represented Matrix Petroleum Holdings LLC in a breach of contract suit against Talisman Energy USA Inc. A Texas appeals court decided against lifting an injunction that barred Talisman from proposing to drill mutually owned oil and gas wells on an Eagle Ford shale ranch.