Skadden Publishes 2016 Edition of Energy Law Handbook

Insight

The updates cover such topics as compliance programs, audits and investigations, criminal and civil penalties, FERC market manipulation enforcement, CFTC regulation, antitrust enforcement, reliability, affiliate rules, natural gas, false statements, and more.

China Contracts: Dispute Resolution Clauses

Insight

Dan Harris explains why a provision calling for Chinese contract dispute resolution in U.S. courts can sometimes be a hindrance, compared to a clause requiring dispute resolution to take place in Chinese courts.

Facts in Law Firm Discrimination Suit No

Bellwether on Gender Pay

Insight

Sarah Bradbury, senior counsel at Dallas litigation boutique Estes Thorne & Carr PLLC, comments on the recent $100 million discrimination lawsuit against Chadbourne & Parke over claims that female partners are paid less than their male counterparts.

In Contracts, What a Difference a Word Makes

Insight

Larry P. Schiffer of Squire Patton Boggs describes a recent case that illustrates his point that legalese and unnecessary words can cause a trier of fact to interpret a clause in a way that is unexpected.

Lawyer Spared from $1M Sanction Faces $45K Fine

News

Philadelphia insurance defense attorney Nancy Raynor had at one time faced a $1 million sanction, imposed for alleged witness intimidation during a medical-malpractice case.

The New Law Department Professional: Transforming Legal to Run as a Business Unit

Insight

The role of in-house legal is changing. Corporate legal professionals are expected to lead the charge in implementing corporate initiatives aimed at reducing costs, mitigating risk, introducing new technologies, and changing corporate culture.

Trump Nears Settlement in Trump University Lawsuit

News

Some former students of the now-defunct school claim they were they were lured by false promises into paying up to $35,000 to learn Trump’s real estate investing “secrets” from his “hand-picked” instructors, according to Reuters.

Lex Machina Expands Legal Analytics Platform to Cover Antitrust Litigation

News

The new module enables attorneys to make data-driven decisions about federal antitrust case strategies and tactics and gives lawyers a competitive advantage in antitrust litigation

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Mike Pence in Legal Fight to Keep Email Secret

News

Vice president-elect Mike Pence is the latest Washingtonian found at the cross-hairs of an email controversy that could provide a glimpse into how a Trump administration would respond to issues of government transparency, CBS News reports.

Why Are They Calling These Women Big?

News

Dallas litigation boutique Estes Thorne & Carr PLLC has been recognized among the 100 largest women-owned businesses in

North Texas by the *Dallas Business Journal*.

Judge Tells Trump University Litigants They Would Be Wise to Settle

News

The statement by U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel came after he had tentatively rejected a bid by Trump to keep some statements from the presidential campaign out of the fraud trial.

The Five Biggest Issues Facing the New Ninth Justice

News

The BloombergBusinessweek authors discuss the top five issues, which include climate change, arbitration, class actions, property rights and insider trading.

Could Presidential Election Results Usher in Federal-Level Tort Reform?

Insight

Dallas lawyer Trey Branham of Dean Omar Branham says Donald Trump's election could mean Texas-style tort reform at the federal level.

Trump's Victory Has Enormous Consequences for the Supreme Court

News

At some point next year, the nine-member court will be restored to full capacity, once again with a majority of Republican-appointed justices, writes Robert Barnes for *The Washington Post*.

London Calling: The Law and Politics of Brexit

Insight

David Willink, a barrister with Lamb Chambers, takes a look at

the legal and political implications of the recent British High Court ruling on Brexit – a ruling that Parliament should have a say before the UK invokes Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty – which triggers up to two years of formal EU withdrawal talks.

Get Judicial Insights on 10 Key E-Discovery Cases

Insight

At the 2016 Conference on Preservation Excellence, Zapproved asked six judges to weigh in on 10 such cases in an hour. A complete discussion summary is available for downloading.

New Research Reveals Third-Party Risk Management Best Practices

Insight

Navex Global has produced a benchmark report that can be used to help organizations judge how effective their third-party risk management systems are and how to make improvements.

Two New Cases: Fractional Royalty, Fraction of Royalty, or Mineral Interest?

Insight

Two new opinions, one from the San Antonio Court of Appeals and one from the El Paso Court of Appeals, again tackle the task of construing mineral and royalty conveyances and reservations, reports John McFarland in his Oil and Gas Lawyer Blog.

Void Contracts: Court Nullifies CFO's Employment Because of Prior Extortion Conviction

Insight

The doctrine of void contracts arose recently in an employment case in Florida, writes Jason M. Knott for Zuckerman Spaeder LLP.

Matthew T. Connelly and Martin Syvertsen Join Freeborn as Litigators

News

Matthew T. Connelly and Martin Syvertsen have joined Freeborn & Peters LLP in Chicago as associates in the Litigation Practice Group.