Chadbourne Sex-Bias Class Action Adds Six Partners as Defendants

News

Chadbourne & Parke is facing new accusations and a new plaintiff in a gender discrimination class-action lawsuit. And six high-ranking members of the firm have been added as named defendants.

Class-Action Attorneys Awarded $555.2 Million for Work in BP Suits

News

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier pointed out that award represents about 4.3 percent of the estimated $13 billion that BP is expected to pay under the ongoing settlements, reports *The Times-Picayune*.

Casino Could Face Liability

Claim in Crash That Killed Charter Bus Passengers

News

A California casino could be held responsible for the deaths of more than a dozen casino customers following the crash of a charter bus with a questionable safety record, says Dallas bus crash lawyer Frank Branson.

Judge Richard Posner On SCOTUS: ‘The Supreme Court Is Awful’

News

Above the Law covered Judge Richard Posner’s interview at a Chicago bookstore on the occasion of the publication of a biography of the outspoken jurist.

Is Claustrophobia a Disability? Yes, Says the EEOC

Insight

To avoid litigation, employers need to learn what conditions

qualify as a disability according to the EEOC, writes Cortney Shegerian, an attorney with Los Angeles based Shegerian & Associates.

Chicago Lawyer Has Filed More Than 900 Qui Tam Actions Against Internet Retailers

News

Attorney Stephen B. Diamond of Chicago has filed at least 911 qui tam actions in Cook County Circuit Court under the Illinois False Claims Act (FCA) and has racked up almost $30 million in settlements over 15 years, a new analysis by Bloomberg BNA reveals.

Apple Sues Amazon Supplier Over Fake iPhone Chargers

News

Apple said it purchased iPhone-related products that were advertised by Amazon as genuine Apple gear, complete with Apple copyrighted images and sometimes in packaging copied from real Apple accessories.

New Patent Troll Makes Vast Claim to Web Video, Sues 14 Big Media Companies

News

Bartonfalls LLC, an entity formed in August in the patent hotspot of East Texas, has sued 14 big media companies, claiming the media giants like CBS, NBC Universal and Bloomberg violated patented technology designed to switch automatically from one video display another, reports Ars Technica.

The Comprehensive Guide to E-Discovery Preservation

E-Book

Exterro has published “The Comprehensive Guide to E-Discovery Preservation,” an e-book that discusses how to incorporate preservation principles into the legal process that will enable defensible and proportional policies.

Class Action Launched Against Samsung Over Note 7 Debacle

News

The ongoing fallout from Samsung's Note 7 debacle now includes a possible class-action lawsuit against the company in the U.S., according to a report by digital Trends.

Hedge Fund Sues Theranos, Citing 'Lies, Material Misstatements, and Omissions'

News

Partner Fund Management, a San Francisco-based hedge fund that reportedly wrote out a $96 million check to Theranos in 2014, is now suing the blood-testing startup and its founder, Elizabeth Holmes, reports TechCrunch.

Talisman Energy Facing Texas Federal Lawsuit Over Unpaid Oil, Gas Royalties

News

Attorneys representing oil and gas royalty owners with

interests in the Texas Eagle Ford Shale have filed a federal lawsuit against Talisman Energy USA Inc. based on claims that the company manipulated oil and gas production volumes by as much as 20 to 30 percent and consistently shorted royalty payments, according to a news release posted by Androvett Legal Media and Marketing.

China Contracts: Why Choice of Foreign Law is So Often a Bad Idea

Insight

What will actually happen is that the parties will be required to prove Chinese law in a U.S. court, a difficult, time consuming and expensive process, writes Dan Harris in the China Law Blog.

DLA Piper Adds White-Collar Partner Matthew Graves in Washington, DC

News

Matthew Graves has joined DLA Piper's Litigation and White Collar practices as a partner in Washington, DC. Graves previously served as the acting chief of the Fraud and Public

Corruption Section at the DC US Attorney's Office.

Apple Wins Appeal Reinstating $119.6 Million Samsung Verdict

News

Apple Inc. won an appeals court ruling that reinstates a patent-infringement verdict it won against Samsung Electronics Co., including for its slide-to-unlock feature for smartphones and tablets, reports Bloomberg.

---

19 E-Discovery Tips for Fixing Troublesome Transitions

E-book

This e-book contains a series of tips and best practices to smooth out those bumps that fall in the gaps between the well-defined parts of the e-discovery process before the review stage, including transition tips.

Payday Loan Mogul Scott Tucker's $1.3 Billion Judgment is a Record for the FTC

News

The Federal Trade Commission, in its first public remarks since a federal judge last week entered a $1.3 billion judgment against payday loan businessman Scott Tucker, called the penalty the largest of its kind, reports *The Kansas City Star*.

Law Firm Violated Layoff Notice Law for 700 Employees, Judge Rules

News

When the firm closed, about 700 employees in Dallas, Orlando, Miami, Tampa and other locations were told in a conference call that they would not be paid for their final three weeks at work, reports the *Orlando Sentinel*.

Expert Says Positive Train Control Eliminates Human Factors

Insight

Installation of positive train control “was something that was mandated years ago, and the railroads just kept avoiding doing it,” says train safety Carl Berkowitz, Ph. D.

Why You Need to Know If Your Construction Contracts are ‘Under Seal’

Insight

Many people are not aware, however, that parties to contracts, including construction contracts, may have the ability to increase the statute of limitations for a written contract by a factor of more than 300 percent, write Darren Rowles and Scott Cahalan in a post for Smith, Gambrell & Russell.