Conflict Resolution Group Blasts Trump’s Statement on Judge

News

CPR said it took this position in response to recent statements made by Trump questioning the impartiality of Judge Gonzalo P. Curiel because of his Mexican heritage, and also questioning whether a Muslim judge could fairly preside over a case involving him.

Drugs in the Workplace: Tread Lightly, Navigate Carefully

Article

FisherBroyles offers a warning for employers dealing with an employee who is doing – or is suspected of doing – illegal drugs: You could be facing large legal fees, company embarrassment, and major diversion of management time. But an employer can take some steps to avoid big problems.

Judge Tosses $200M Patent

Verdict; Cites In-House Lawyer Misconduct

News

A federal judge in California said Merck cannot enforce the patents because Merck’s own lawyer gave inconsistent and untruthful testimony during the trial.

Damage Control: Common Errors in Contractually Limiting Damages

Article

“Damage control” provisions are not one-size-fits-all, writes Theresa Y. Kananen for Arnall Golden Gregory LLP. While form agreements can be a good starting point, provisions limiting, or even eliminating, contractual damages must be considered on a case-by-case basis, and tailored to the terms of your particular deal.

These Two Decisions Highlight How Scalia’s Absence Has

Affected the Court

News

The lack of a majority is problematic when it leaves a split in the circuits and when it creates confusion in the law. This is what happened in two cases that came down on May 16, writes law school dean Erwin Chemerinsky in the *ABA Journal*.

Trump’s Personal, Racially Tinged Attacks on Federal Judge Alarm Legal Experts

News

Donald Trump’s attacks on a federal judge overseeing a pair of lawsuits against him have set off a wave of alarm among legal experts, who worry that the Republican presidential candidate’s vendetta signals a remarkable disregard for judicial independence, reports *The Washington Post*.

North Carolina Blue Cross and Blue Shield Sues U.S. Over Health-Care Payments

News

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina sued the federal

government, becoming the latest health insurer to claim it is owed money under the Affordable Care Act, according to a report in *The Wall Street Journal*.

Discrimination Lawsuit Against Mintz Levin Can Move Forward, Judges Rule

News

A discrimination lawsuit brought against high-powered Boston law firm Mintz Levin by one of its former attorneys can move forward after a decision by the state's highest court, reports *The Boston Globe*.

Litigating the Meaning of Contract Language? Consider Retaining an Expert

Article

A new article published by Ken Adams, president of Adams Contracts Consulting LLC, explains how to reduce the chances of the confusion that results when a judge or litigator without a grounding in the subject analyzes ostensibly ambiguous contract language.

These Gawker Jurors Don’t Care That a Billionaire Funded Hulk Hogan’s Lawsuit

News

The outrage following last week’s revelation that Silicon Valley billionaire Peter Thiel had funded Hulk Hogan’s lawsuit against Gawker Media LLC wasn’t just about a rich guy throwing his money around; it was about a rich guy secretly throwing his money around, writes Joshua Brustein for Bloomberg Technology.

Viacom Board Members Vow to Fight Removal Attempt

News

Gearing up for a battle for control of media company Viacom, board members took the unusual step of vowing to fight an expected campaign by Sumner Redstone and his family to shake up the board, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Takata Hires Lazard, Seeks Cash Infusion After Air Bag Deaths

News

Takata Corp. has confirmed it has hired investment bank Lazard Ltd. to lead a financial restructuring in an effort to resolve costs stemming from its recall of tens of millions of faulty air bags linked to at least 13 deaths and more than 100 injuries worldwide, Reuters is reporting.

New Judge, Same Result – $81

Million CWA Civil Penalty Appealed

News

The Fifth Circuit's response to CITGO's second appeal may provide guidance on whether these types of judgments could be a trend in future Clean Water Act enforcement actions.

Q&A on SCOTUS and Arbitration

Article

In an article posted on their firm's website, Matthew T. Furton and Julie L. Young, partners in Locke Lord, discuss some recent rulings on arbitration by the U.S. Supreme Court, particularly as they apply to insurance and reinsurance.

Google Beats Oracle on Copyright, Defeating $9 Billion Claim

News

Google won a jury verdict that ends Oracle's claim to a $9 billion slice of the search giant's Android phone business, reports The Washington Post.

Judge: Video of Clinton Aides' Depositions to Be Kept Secret

News

Videos of Hillary Clinton's former aides and others giving depositions in a lawsuit related to her private email set-up will be kept secret, at least for now, a federal judge ruled Thursday, according to a report by Politico.

Beck Redden's Pfeiffer Leads Charge to Overturn Fifth Circuit Decision

News

When Beck Redden partner and appellate specialist Connie Pfeiffer led the charge to overturn a Fifth Circuit decision, the path to victory was nearly certain to be long and arduous, the firm said in a release.

China’s Huawei Files Patent Suits Against Samsung Over Smartphone Tech

News

Huawei Technologies sued Samsung Electronics on claims of infringement of smartphone patents, the Chinese firm’s first intellectual property challenge against the world’s top mobile maker, reports Reuters.

Judge: Substantial Progress in Volkswagen Emissions Talks

News

The Associated Press is reporting that Volkswagen and attorneys for vehicle owners affected by the company’s emissions cheating scandal are on target to meet a June deadline for a final settlement proposal, a federal judge said Tuesday.