Miller & Chevalier Elects Two New Members

NEWS

Miller & Chevalier Chartered announced that the firm elected two new members: Michael J. Satin and Addy R. Schmitt, both of whom practice in the areas of white collar defense and complex civil litigation.

Litigation, Arbitration Lawyer William Joins Hogan Lovells

NEWS

William (Bill) Regan has joined Hogan Lovells' New York office as partner in the Litigation and Arbitration practice group.

Wyly Billion-Dollar Bankruptcy Trial Concludes

NEWS

The bankruptcy judge hearing the case is expected to take several weeks to rule in the complex bankruptcy trial in which the IRS accused the wealthy Texans of tax evasion and fraud and is seeking $2.2 billion in back taxes, fees and penalties.

Florida Lawyer Permanently Disbarred for Role in DUI Setup

NEWS

Stephen Diaco, one of three lawyers accused of setting up a rival's DUI arrest, was permanently disbarred Thursday by the Florida Supreme Court, reports *The Tampa Tribune*.

Jury Orders Wal-Mart to Pay Pharmacist $31.22 Million in Bias Case

NEWS

A federal jury in New Hampshire ordered Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to pay $31.22 million to a pharmacist who claimed she was fired because of her gender and in retaliation for complaining about safety conditions.

E-Discovery Practices from Both Sides of the Bench

White Paper

Survey results cover such topics as the effectiveness of new Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP), general e-discovery competency in the legal market, and the effects of emerging technology trends on litigation practices.

Judge Sanctions Prominent Dallas Lawyer for Misconduct

NEWS

Brewer and his law firm conducted a push poll with questions and statements “designed to influence or alter the opinion or attitude of the person being polled,” the judge ruled.

Oregon Man Files Suit Against Fantasy Sports Sites

NEWS

A class-action suit has been filed in federal court in Portland against two daily fantasy sports sites, FanDuel and DraftKings, alleging both businesses are operating illegal online sports betting, reports *The Oregonian*.

Trial Lawyer Robin Harrison Joins Houston-Based Hicks Thomas

NEWS

Trial lawyer Robin L. Harrison has joined the Houston-based commercial litigation firm Hicks Thomas LLP as a partner.

Supreme Court Holds Unaccepted Offers for Full Relief Do Not Moot Class Actions

Analysis

A defendant cannot moot a putative class action by merely offering full relief to the named plaintiff on his or her individual claims.

GM Ignition Switch Trial Ends Abruptly Amid Claims of Fraud

NEWS

A trial that was supposed to help settle hundreds of lawsuits stemming from General Motors' faulty ignition switches abruptly ended Friday, a day after the judge raised questions about the plaintiff's truthfulness.

AZA Names Nine New Hires

NEWS

Houston-based Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing has added nine attorneys.

Choose Words Carefully in Dispute-Related Contract Clauses

Article

A couple of words here or there in a contract can make a huge difference, particularly when those words relate to what happens if there is a breach or some other dispute between the parties, writes Shep Davidson.

Supreme Court Says Class Action Lawsuits Can Survive Compensation Offers

NEWS

Justices ruled that offers of full compensation to the lead plaintiff in such a case do not automatically end the legal challenge.

Termination Clause in Contingent Fee Contract Is Invalid

NEWS

A Pennsylvania court has ruled that a fired contingent fee attorney can’t enforce a provision in his fee agreement requiring a client to pay the lawyer 20 percent of his eventual recovery if the client changes counsel.

Insurance Partially Covers Merck’s $830 Million Vioxx Settlement

NEWS

The company’s cash payment for the settlement and fees will be about $680 million after reimbursement from insurance policies, Merck said.

Tips for Avoiding Pitfalls in Technology Contracts

Article

The recent problems experienced by Finish Line should be instructive to all users and providers of technology products and services, according to a report posted by FisherBroyles LLP.

Remedies for the Rogue Arbitrator

White Paper

Most arbitrations run smoothly, the paper says, but “arbitrators should be ready for the exceptional case, which can be occasioned by another arbitrator or counsel.

Contractual Choice of Governing Law and Statutes of Limitations

Article

The law you choose to govern your contract may not be the law that governs the applicable statute of limitations for claims arising under or related to that contract, writes Glenn West of Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

Lex Machina Details 2015 End-of-Year IP Trends

White Paper

Lex Machina has published an article highlighting IP trends and data from 2015, covering litigation on patents, trademarks and copyrights.