

DOAR Releases Litigation Scorecard for Pharma & Medical Devices Sector

Presentation

DOAR recently conducted a national survey of attitudes toward the pharmaceutical industry that reports on consumer and juror sentiments and the ways in which their views and dispositions may impact litigation strategies.

Dallas' Southwest Securities Hit with \$5.45 Million Fraud Verdict

NEWS

Jurors in a Dallas district court found that real estate developer Stephen Jemal conspired with Southwest Securities Inc. to defraud the two Texas partnerships by misrepresenting the value of his Southwest holdings.

China's Banks Test U.S. Legal

System

NEWS

The Bank of China has responded to the litigation, saying that turning over account records would violate Chinese law.

Which Biglaw Firm Just Got Hit With A \$200 Million Malpractice Verdict?

NEWS

Be careful about what you say in internal emails, reports Above the Law. You might view them as protected by attorney-client privilege, but if your client ends up suing you, the emails could be discoverable.

Click it to Stick it: Guide to Creating Binding Online Agreements

White Paper

By following certain guidelines, manufacturers and sellers can improve the likelihood that their online contracts and attempt to inform consumers will be enforced and upheld by the courts.

Trial Teams Win \$61M in Two Cases

NEWS

Gruber Hurst Elrod Johansen Hail Shank won a \$33 million verdict in a gas transportation contract dispute and a \$28 million verdict in a fraud/fiduciary breach claim in the oil patch in recent weeks.

Managing Project Risk With Enforceable Indemnity Agreements

White Paper

Because indemnity agreements often are strictly construed against the party seeking indemnification, careful drafting is especially important.

Avoiding an E-Discovery

Crisis Created By a Preservation Lapse – Zapproved White Paper

White Paper

Zapproved is offering a complimentary recap called “State of Preservation Today” from The Proceedings from the 2015 Conference on Preservation Excellence.

Covenant Not to Challenge in a Patent License Does Not Bar a PTAB Review

Article

There is significant risk of damage to a patent licensor from a post-license IPR challenge, whether or not a “covenant no to challenge” is enforceable.

2015 E-Discovery Case Law Review

White Paper

A new e-discovery case law white paper from Exterro and General Counsel News reviews three must-know e-discovery cases

from 2015.

Rose•Walker Adds Attorney Todd Starr to Colorado Office

NEWS

Rose•Walker LLP announced the addition of attorney Todd M. Starr as managing partner in the firm's Pagosa Springs office.

AZA Scores Defense Win for National Oilwell Varco in \$120 Million Discrimination Suit

NEWS

AZA offered evidence that showed there were several non-discriminatory reasons some of the workers did not receive promotions.

Top Five Things Clients Never Tell Their Lawyers

Article

The best, most cost effective, representation will be achieved only with the free flow of information, writes Francis Drelling.

David J. Beck Wins Lifetime of Excellence in Advocacy Award

NEWS

The Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists will award David Beck of Houston with the Lifetime of Excellence in Advocacy Award.

State Limitations on Arbitration with Class Action Waivers Again Before Supreme

Court

NEWS

The latest of a line of recent cases in which the U.S. Supreme Court has weighed the enforceability of class action waivers in arbitration agreements was before the court on Oct. 6.

Oilfield Anti-Indemnity: When Does an Agreement “Pertain” to a “Well”?

White Paper

The interpretation of the Louisiana Oilfield Anti-Indemnity Act will take center stage at the Fifth Circuit and likely be the determinative question.

CFPB Proposes Banning Some Arbitration Clauses, Resurrecting Consumer Contract Class Actions

NEWS

The announcement follows the CFPB’s publication of a three-year study on arbitration that concluded that consumers

generally are better served through litigation.

Be Careful Who You Contract With And Who You Don't – Non-Party Not Bound

White Paper

A 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in *Northbound Group, Inc. v. Norvax, Inc.* indicates that courts will not add parties to a contract after the contract has been negotiated, writes Stephen M. Proctor, a principal in Masuda Funai Eifert & Mitchell Ltd.

West Texas Jury Awards \$43 Million in Oil and Gas Lease Breach of Contract

NEWS

Jury found that a group of oil and gas investors' business partners had breached fiduciary duties by crediting themselves for financial contributions they never made.

Clear Contractual Terms Prevail Over Equitable Principles in Bankruptcy Cases (Again)

White Paper

Especially where contract parties are sophisticated, courts give weight to the fact that each provision in the contract was likely heavily negotiated and that each word was chosen for a specific purpose.