A Quick ‘Yes’ Can Create a Binding Contract, Even If There Has Not Been Agreement on All Terms

Insight

An exchange of emails can form a binding settlement agreement, even if the parties have not agreed to all of the terms of that settlement.

Why Johnson & Johnson May Not Have to Pay Its $4.7 Billion Court Verdict

News

While a $4.7 billion jury verdict against Johnson & Johnson in July was eye-popping, J&J may pay far less, or nothing, reports Bloomberg. No verdict of that size has survived appeal.

Syngenta MDL Judge Tears Up

Lawyers’ Contingency Contracts in $500 Million Fee Ruling

News

A U.S. district judge has set aside individual contingency fee contracts that some plaintiffs’ lawyers had in place for clients in a multidistrict litigation, according to a Reuters report.

Lawyer Who ‘Won’t Take No for an Answer’ is Suspended for Two Years

News

Tom Gannon persisted in filing a total 46 appeals in the state court system in a small civil dispute for a client, despite multiple denials and admonitions from the court.

Lawyer Accuses Judge of ‘Robe Rage,’ Tells Opposing Counsel

to ‘Certify Your Own Stupidity’

News

Charles Andrew Cohn was accused in a complaint before the hearing board of the Illinois attorney disciplinary commission.

CBS Lawyer’s Strategy Backfired in Leadup to $9.5M Settlement of Actress’s Sexual Harassment Claim

News

Mark Engstrom, the chief compliance officer at CBS, was identified as the lawyer who released the outtakes.

Federal Judge — Deemed ‘Unqualified’ — Becomes First in U.S. History Confirmed By

Senate Tiebreaker

News

Vice President Mike Pence cast the deciding vote in favor of Jonathan Kobes after senators split 50-50 on his confirmation.

Lawyer Gets License Suspended for Bullying Judge

News

A New York lawyer had his license suspended for one year for trying to bully a judge who held his clients in contempt, Bloomberg Law reports.

Download: Top E-Discovery Case Law Rulings from 2018

Insight

The white paper from Exterro provides a quick recap of the most important and influential e-discovery case law rulings from 2018.

Court Warns: Disbarment for Anonymous Online Posts is Lesson for Other Lawyers

News

As a prosecutor, Sal Perricone posted more than 2,600 comments on nola.com, the website of the New Orleans Times-Picayune, between November 2007 and March 2012.

Two High-Profile Law Firms File Class Action Blaming Utility Company for Deadly Camp Fire

News

The Edelson law firm and Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein filed the suit in state court in San Francisco on behalf of seven named plaintiffs.

Arbitrators' Award Boosts

Asbestos Settlement to $178.5 Million for Workers

News

The award, from a three-judge arbitration panel, comes in addition to a previously agreed-upon $38 million settlement in the case.

Judge Tosses Sexual Assault Suit Against Lawyer in Battle Between Personal Injury Titans

News

The *ABA Journal* is reporting that a Michigan judge has dismissed a sexual misconduct suit against a Southfield lawyer in what appears to be an ongoing battle between rivals.

Texas High Court Invokes the Discovery Rule

News

The Texas Supreme Court has held that the discovery rule delayed the running of the statute of limitations on behalf of

the holder of a recorded right of first refusal to purchase mineral interests, reports the Energy & the Law blog of Gray Reed & McGraw.

South Carolina Family Settles Lawsuit Over Fire-Related Workplace Death

News

The family of a man who died from severe burns he suffered in 2015 while working at a paper plant in North Charleston has settled the wrongful death suit filed in his case after jury selection in the U.S. District Court in South Carolina.

Lenovo $8.3M Spyware Class Action Settlement Gets Initial OK

News

The federal court’s initial approval of the settlement comes four months after Lenovo and the consumer class filed with the court to end the spyware action.

Houston Appellate Lawyer J. Stephen Barrick Named Partner at Hicks Thomas

News

Texas-based litigation boutique Hicks Thomas LLP announced that Houston appellate specialist and trial lawyer J. Stephen Barrick has been named a partner in the firm.

PG&E's Legal Exposure to Liability for Fires Could Cost Customers – Or Lead to Bankruptcy

News

If Pacific Gas and Electric Company is found liable for the devastating California fires now burning, the company's customers could be on the hook to pay the bill, or even lead to a PG&E bankruptcy, according to *The New York Times*.

Attorney’s Eye-Popping $460,000 in Earnings to Defend Indigent Clients Prompting Changes

News

Attorney Marc Fratter, 46, also earned significantly more than anyone on the county payroll, including the district judges who approved his pay sheets.

Werner Co. Hit with $4.8M Jury Verdict for Defective Ladder

News

The victim was severely injured in 2011 after one of the ladder legs bent inward, causing a fall resulting in loss of the use of his dominant hand.