Oklahoma Jury Hits Health Insurer Aetna with $25.5 Million Verdict

News

The Oklahoman reports that jurors wanted to send a message to health insurer Aetna after hearing how the company's overworked doctors denied an Oklahoma cancer patient's claim for coverage for proton beam therapy.

Review the Newest Volume of Ediscovery Case Law Summaries (Fall 2018)

Insight

Zapproved's new Fall 2018 Ediscovery Case Law Summaries explores how recent spoliation, proportionality, and other ediscovery-relevant case decisions are guiding litigation.

Lawsuit Claims El Paso Doctor, Lawyer Conspired to

Violate State Law

News

An El Paso neurosurgeon is the subject of a lawsuit filed last week, accused of unlawfully conspiring with a local attorney to solicit legal representation for a dying truck wreck victim, according to a release from Androvett Legal Media & Marketing.

The Supreme Court Power Index: Judging the Most Powerful Judges

News

A new study by Above the Law takes a unique approach to ranking the influence and impact of justices of the U.S. Supreme Court by rating them based on the career success of their former clerks.

Suit Alleges Trump Endorsements Misled Consumers and Defrauded Investors

News

Defendants include President Trump, the Trump Organization and

children Donald Trump Jr., Eric Trump and Ivanka Trump.

Argument Preview: How Should Courts Decide If Parties to an Arbitration Contract May Aggregate Their Claims?

Insight

SCOTUSblog reports that in *Lamps Plus Inc. v. Varela*, the U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit correctly held that an employer consented to class arbitration.

Contract Case: Lack of Consideration – Or Not!

Insight

Writing in ContractsProf Blog, Myanna Dellinger discusses a case that "nicely demonstrates how the consideration doctrine is still relevant and, as always, the importance of getting contracts in writing even though they do not *have* to be."

Company Couldn’t Cut Disabled Worker’s Benefits, So It ‘Went Rogue’ and Had Him Arrested, Lawyer Says

News

An attempt to prosecute a man drawing disability payments for an on-the-job injury drew a withering rebuke from a judge, and now the man is suing the insurance company for malicious prosecution.

Former Foley & Lardner Partner Suspended for Falsifying Documents in IRS Audit of Wealthy Clients

News

A former Foley & Lardner partner was suspended two years by the state Supreme Court for lying to the IRS during an audit of two wealthy estates connected to a major area business, reports the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

Conservative Group Suspends Clerkship Boot Camp After Questions About Secrecy and Loyalty Pledges

News

Application materials told prospective clerks that “generous donors” were making “a significant financial investment in each and every attendee.”

Florida Supreme Court Foils Governor’s Plan to Pick New Justices

News

The Florida Supreme Court’s ruling is a major rebuke to incumbent Gov. Rick Scott, who wanted to pick the new justices before he leaves office.

Firms Cite 1851 Law in Fatal

Missouri Duck Boat Accident, Seek Mediation

News

The companies' petition states that under the federal law, they would not owe any damages because the boat carried no freight and was a total loss.

Champagne Remark May Cost Lawyer $289 Million Bayer Award

News?

Brent Wisner, the lead trial attorney who in August convinced a jury that Monsanto Co.'s Roundup weed killer caused his client's cancer, irked the judge handling the case so profoundly that she's considering tossing the verdict and ordering a new trial, reports Bloomberg Law.

Recent Oil and Gas Verdict Highlights Importance of FLSA

Compliance

Insight

A recent case from the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania highlights how expensive a Fair Labor Standards Act case can be.

Discrimination Defense Lawyer Confirmed for Trump Civil Rights Post

News

Bloomberg Law reports that the U.S. Senate has confirmed Eric Dreiband, a Jones Day attorney who defends companies accused of discrimination, to lead the Justice Department office that enforces anti-bias laws.

Texas Lawyer Who Claimed Political Donations Influenced Appeal Faces Possible Discipline

News

Plaintiffs’ lawyer John McCraw of Dallas is facing possible

disciplinary action because he filed a motion asking two appellate court justices to remove themselves from a case, according to *Dallas Observer*.

Contracting Around Class Actions, a Win for Employers

Insight

A recent Ninth Circuit ruling that Uber's arbitration agreements did not violate the National Labor Relations Act provides a major victory to Uber by requiring each plaintiff to separately arbitrate his or her claims.

Morrison & Foerster Will Eat $16M in Fees, Costs Pursuing Vets' Claims

News

Bloomberg Law reports that Morrison & Foerster LLP accepted a fee award from the U.S. Army that's $16 million less than the fee the firm could have sought.

Vizio Reaches Potential Settlement for Its Spying TVs — And Victims Could Receive Less Than a Dollar

News

Vizio has announced a potential $17 million settlement in a recent class action lawsuit, which could result in a pay-out that is as little as a few cents for each of the millions of affected customers, reports the *New York Daily News*.

Founder of Tea Party Nation Has Been Disbarred for Trying to Scam Timeshare Owners

News

Tennessee attorney Judson Wheeler Phillips, a senior partner with Nashville-based Castle Law Group, was accused of taking off with the money he earned from the fraudulent transactions, the Tennessee Supreme Court has ruled.