Oral Revocation of Consent Insufficient Where Contract Required Writing

Insight

A post on the website of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips discusses a case in which an Ohio federal court found that, where a contract required written revocation of consent to be contacted, a consumer's attempt to orally revoke consent failed.

White House Withdraws Judicial Nominee; GOP Didn't Have Votes for Confirmation

News

The nomination drew widespread criticism over articles Ryan Bounds wrote in the Stanford Review as an undergraduate that ridiculed multiculturalism and groups concerned with racial issues, according to *The Washington Post*.

Former Baylor Coach Rips

Pepper Hamilton, Calls Out Ken Starr

News

A former football coach who lost his job at Baylor University had some harsh words for former Baylor president Ken Starr, but his strongest words are for Pepper Hamilton, the firm that investigated a sexual misconduct scandal involving football players.

Lawyer Suspended for False Advertising, ‘Gross Incompetence’

News

Daren Allen Webber’s incompetent representation of bankruptcy clients and violations of the rules on attorney advertising, the federal court found.

Netflix v. Winston & Strawn Spotlights Advance Conflict

Waiver

News

The waivers—often broadly worded and vague—have become a regular feature of retainer agreements that large law firms execute with corporate clients, according to Bloomberg Law.

Jury Needed Only 45 Minutes to Agree on Punitives in Johnson & Johnson Talc Case

News

Johnson & Johnson was ordered to pay $4.69 billion to 22 women and their families who had claimed that asbestos in the company's talcum powder products caused them to develop ovarian cancer, reports *The New York Times*.

Democrats' Long-Shot Plan to Stop Trump's Supreme Court Pick

News

Democrats plan to frame the process around women's health and the future of legalized abortion, predicts *The Los Angeles Times*.

IADC Calls for Class Action Reforms in Ontario, Canada

News

The International Association of Defense Counsel has submitted to the Law Commission of Ontario its recommendations for reform to the Ontario Class Proceedings Act that could eventually affect class action legislation in Ontario and other Canadian provinces.

Texas Lawyers React to Justice Anthony Kennedy's Retirement

News

Some Texas lawyers share their thoughts on the upcoming retirement of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy.

An Arbitrator's Power May Be

Greater Than That of a Judge

Insight

Although an arbitration agreement can be written (double-spaced) on one side of a cocktail napkin, in some cases it may grant greater authority to an arbitrator than a judge has, writes Narges Kakalia of Mintz Levin.

Dallas Firm Secures $166M Verdict in Fort Worth Murder-for-Hire Case

News

Attorneys for Dallas-based Fears Nachawati Law Firm have secured a $166 million verdict against the daughter and son-in-law of a North Texas woman who was killed in 2014 for the proceeds of life insurance policies totaling $5 million.

Federal Suit Claims Systemic Failures to Pursue Rape Cases by Travis County DA, Austin

Police

News

Three women have filed a federal class action lawsuit claiming that the Travis County District Attorney's office and the Austin Police Department have violated the constitutional rights of women and discriminated based on gender in the manner in which they handle sexual assault cases.

Oil Firm, Once Called 'Wolf of Wall Street Type' Company, Sued By SEC for Fraud

News

Company brochures said that some of the wells were expected to provide returns of 300 to 500 percent, a number the SEC said conflicted with geologist production estimates, reports *The Dallas Morning News*.

Are Your Employees' Electronically-Signed Agreements Enforceable?

Insight

In several recent cases, employees have disputed that they

electronically acknowledged an agreement with their employer," writes Drew York for Gray Reed & McGraw.

$17M Target Data Breach Settlement Affirmed on Second Try

News

The settlement, which provides for a $10 million fund for customers and $6.75 million for plaintiffs' attorneys, won final approval in November 2016, according to Bloomberg Law.

Dallas Attorney Indicted for Allegedly Stealing From Client

News

Walter Thomas Finley is charged with felony theft in a case involving the trust fund of an East Texas woman.

VA Nurses' Class-Action Overtime Lawsuit Could Open Door to More Plaintiffs

News

Class representatives brought the lawsuit on behalf of nurse practitioners and physician assistants from VA facilities across the country.

Trump's Lawyer Michael Cohen Expects to Be Arrested Any Day Now: Reports

News

An ex-White House official said that "Trump should be super worried about Michael Cohen" deciding to cooperate with federal prosecutors against the president.

Defrauded Students of For-Profit Schools Will Stay

Indebted, Judge Rules

News

A proposed class of borrowers had asked U.S. Magistrate Judge Sallie Kim to revive an Obama-era policy that promised full debt forgiveness to students defrauded by the now-defunct, for profit Corinthian Colleges, reports Courthouse News Service.

Texas Family Sues U.S. Over Church Massacre

News

The lawsuit in federal court claims the U.S. Air Force acted negligently when it failed to report the criminal record of gunman Devin Kelley to a U.S. database, reports Reuters.