SEC Accuses KPMG Partner in Atlanta, Two Others of Insider Trading

News

U.S. securities regulators have accused a KPMG partner and two other individuals of insider trading on tips about three pending corporate mergers on which the accounting firm was providing advice, Reuters is reporting.

Uber GC's 10-Word Email Could Lead to Potentially Costly Embarrassment

News

A supposedly rogue investigation that Uber originally claimed it knew nothing about – and which could turn out to be a costly embarrassment for the ride-hailing giant – began with a 10-word request from the company's general counsel, reports Matthew Flamm in *Crain's New York Business*.

Contractual Waiver of

Subrogation Applied to Owner’s Non-Work Property

Insight

Considerable litigation has arisen as to whether a waiver of subrogation provision in a construction contract applies to bar an insurer’s subrogation claim against a contractor to the extent the insurer covered damage to the owner’s “non-work” property under the owner’s existing property policy, writes Robert Barrack of Robinson Cole.

Former Pinochet Lieutenant Living in Florida Liable for Murder and Torture

News

A six-person jury in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District Florida found Pedro Pablo Barrientos Nunez liable for the 1973 detention, torture and execution of Chilean social icon Víctor Jara.

Big Law Trial Lawyer Goes

Solo

News

Veteran trial lawyer James Edward “Jim” Maloney, formerly of Baker Botts and Andrews Kurth, has opened a solo practice in Houston.

For Conservatives, High Court’s Term Was a Letdown

News

The most high-profile cases, including affirmative action, abortion restrictions, labor union fees, gerrymandering and the use of executive power, ended either with liberal victories or draws that set no precedent.

Simon Greenstone’s Erin Nowell of Dallas Named Among Top Young Litigators

News

Litigation associate Erin Nowell from the Dallas office of Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett, PC, has earned a spot on the 2016 National Bar Association “40 Under 40 Best Advocates” list.

Report: VW to Pay About $10.2B to Settle Emissions Claims

News

USA Today is reporting that German automaker Volkswagen Group is expected to deliver a $10 billion settlement to cover government fines and compensate owners of vehicles fitted with software that cheated emissions standards.

Watchdog Group Denied Depositions in Third Clinton Email Case

News

The ruling gives some relief to the State Department and Clinton, which have both been the subject of intense scrutiny over the private email setup that the former secretary of State used throughout her time in the Obama administration, reports *The Hill*.

Survey of International Litigation Procedures: A Reference Guide

Reference Guide

The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) Foundation has published its first Survey of International Litigation Procedures: A Reference Guide that offers an overview of the civil justice systems of 49 countries, including key aspects of litigation in each jurisdiction.

FedEx Agrees to $240 Million Settlement With Drivers in 20 States

News

FedEx Ground Package System Inc. has agreed to pay drivers in 20 states $240 million to settle lawsuits claiming the second-largest U.S. parcel delivery company misclassified them as independent contractors, it said on Thursday, according to a Reuters report.

Trump’s Lawyers Urge Judge Curiel to Keep Deposition Video Secret

News

The videos Trump’s lawyers want to keep out of the public record are from Trump’s deposition late last year and early this year in a class-action lawsuit accusing him of fraud.

Court Wrestles Over Whether Gawker CEO Can Hide Behind Bankruptcy Shield

News

Gawker founder Nick Denton, who is jointly liable for $115 million of the judgment plus another $10 million in punitive damages, doesn’t have the same Chapter 11 protection the company has.

Contractual Personal Liability: The Body Trumps

the Signature Line

Insight

The body of a contract must clearly convey whether the parties intend for the contractual obligation to create liability on behalf of the individual signing the contract or not, warns Adam B. Edgecombe of Jimerson & Cobb, P.A.

Conflict Resolution Group Blasts Trump's Statement on Judge

News

CPR said it took this position in response to recent statements made by Trump questioning the impartiality of Judge Gonzalo P. Curiel because of his Mexican heritage, and also questioning whether a Muslim judge could fairly preside over a case involving him.

Drugs in the Workplace: Tread Lightly, Navigate Carefully

Article

FisherBroyles offers a warning for employers dealing with an employee who is doing – or is suspected of doing – illegal

drugs: You could be facing large legal fees, company embarrassment, and major diversion of management time. But an employer can take some steps to avoid big problems.

Damage Control: Common Errors in Contractually Limiting Damages

Article

“Damage control” provisions are not one-size-fits-all, writes Theresa Y. Kananen for Arnall Golden Gregory LLP. While form agreements can be a good starting point, provisions limiting, or even eliminating, contractual damages must be considered on a case-by-case basis, and tailored to the terms of your particular deal.

These Two Decisions Highlight How Scalia’s Absence Has Affected the Court

News

The lack of a majority is problematic when it leaves a split in the circuits and when it creates confusion in the law. This is what happened in two cases that came down on May 16, writes law school dean Erwin Chemerinsky in the *ABA Journal*.

Discrimination Lawsuit Against Mintz Levin Can Move Forward, Judges Rule

News

A discrimination lawsuit brought against high-powered Boston law firm Mintz Levin by one of its former attorneys can move forward after a decision by the state's highest court, reports *The Boston Globe*.

Litigating the Meaning of Contract Language? Consider Retaining an Expert

Article

A new article published by Ken Adams, president of Adams Contracts Consulting LLC, explains how to reduce the chances of the confusion that results when a judge or litigator without a grounding in the subject analyzes ostensibly ambiguous contract language.