These Gawker Jurors Don’t Care That a Billionaire Funded Hulk Hogan’s Lawsuit

News

The outrage following last week’s revelation that Silicon Valley billionaire Peter Thiel had funded Hulk Hogan’s lawsuit against Gawker Media LLC wasn’t just about a rich guy throwing his money around; it was about a rich guy secretly throwing his money around, writes Joshua Brustein for Bloomberg Technology.

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Takata Hires Lazard, Seeks

Cash Infusion After Air Bag Deaths

News

Takata Corp. has confirmed it has hired investment bank Lazard Ltd. to lead a financial restructuring in an effort to resolve costs stemming from its recall of tens of millions of faulty air bags linked to at least 13 deaths and more than 100 injuries worldwide, Reuters is reporting.

Q&A on SCOTUS and Arbitration

Article

In an article posted on their firm's website, Matthew T. Furton and Julie L. Young, partners in Locke Lord, discuss some recent rulings on arbitration by the U.S. Supreme Court, particularly as they apply to insurance and reinsurance.

Judge: Video of Clinton Aides' Depositions to Be Kept Secret

News

Videos of Hillary Clinton's former aides and others giving depositions in a lawsuit related to her private email set-up

will be kept secret, at least for now, a federal judge ruled Thursday, according to a report by Politico.

Beck Redden's Pfeiffer Leads Charge to Overturn Fifth Circuit Decision

News

When Beck Redden partner and appellate specialist Connie Pfeiffer led the charge to overturn a Fifth Circuit decision, the path to victory was nearly certain to be long and arduous, the firm said in a release.

Judge: Substantial Progress in Volkswagen Emissions Talks

News

The Associated Press is reporting that Volkswagen and attorneys for vehicle owners affected by the company's emissions cheating scandal are on target to meet a June deadline for a final settlement proposal, a federal judge said Tuesday.

Trump’s Supreme Court List: All Conservative, Some Provocative

News

Donald Trump’s list of people he would consider nominating to the Supreme Court includes judges who have indicated support for various conservative causes, range in age from 41 to 58 and hail primarily from conservative and Republican-governed states, reports Reuters.

Former BigLaw Associate Gets 5 Years in $5m Ponzi Scheme That Bilked Friends and Relatives

News

A former Skadden Arps lawyer who cheated friends and relatives of life savings in a Ponzi scheme and then tried to kill himself was sentenced in New York to five years in prison Thursday.

$100M Uber Settlement Attacked By Drivers Saying Lawyer Sold Out

News

The lawyer who struck a $100 million deal with Uber Technologies Inc. is being accused of greed by some of the drivers covered by the accord who want her bumped, reports Bloomberg News.

On the Nature of Being Mistaken in Contract

Article

Successful cases of contract reformation based on unilateral mistake are exceedingly rare – so endeavor not to be mistaken, cautions Glenn West of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in the firm's *Global Private Equity Watch*.

Recent Ruling Creates Potential Liability For Use

of Common Contractual Terms

Article

While the law generally favors freedom of contract and supports the enforceability of uniform terms and conditions, a recent case applying New Jersey law shows that a business could be exposed to liability for simply including certain types of limiting clauses in consumer contracts.

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eTERA Consulting to Host Webinar on Social Media and eDiscovery

Event, May 19, 11 a.m. EDT

eTERA Consulting, a data and technology management company, will present a complimentary webinar focused on eDiscovery and social media on May 19, 2016 at 11 a.m. EDT.

Litigator Sean Whyte Joins Gardere Wynne Sewell

News

Sean M. Whyte’s litigation practice includes complex commercial litigation, consumer class actions and products liability.

Judge: Dallas’ Billionaire Wyly Brothers Committed Tax Fraud

News

A federal bankruptcy judge in Dallas ruled late Tuesday that Dallas entrepreneurs Sam and Charles Wyly committed tax fraud when they created a series of offshore trusts in the Isle of Man in the 1990s to shield more than $1 billion for the family tax-free, according to a report in *The Dallas Morning News*.

Choice-of-Law Provision in Employment and Non-Compete Agreement Disregarded

Article

A Dallas appellate court considered whether California law governed contract and tort claims against California-based former employees who signed employment agreements containing a choice-of-law clause stating that Texas substantive law would apply, according to a report by Neil R. Burger of Carrington Coleman Sloman.

Roberts Refuses to be Drawn Into Controversy About Filling Supreme Court Vacancy

News

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. shrugged off any difficulty the Supreme Court might be having reaching consensus with an equal number of ideologically divided justices, reports The Washington Post.

Want to Sue Your Bank? Regulators Push to Make It Easier

News

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau proposed a rule Thursday that would ban arbitration clauses, which would affect the entire financial industry and the hundreds of millions of bank accounts, credit cards and other financial services Americans use, reports the Associated Press.

CFPB Arbitration Rule

Vulnerable to Legal Challenge, Industry Lawyers Say

News

Financial services lawyers are predicting that efforts by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to prevent companies from keeping consumer complaints out of a courtroom will wind up being challenged in court, reports *The Wall Street Journal*.

Judge to Consider Timing of Trump University Trial

News

Trump’s lawyers, who have put the candidate on a list of witnesses who may testify, oppose a trial while Trump is in the race, citing the possibility of a zoo-like atmosphere.