

# DOAR Releases Litigation Scorecard for Pharma & Medical Devices Sector

## **Presentation**

DOAR recently conducted a national survey of attitudes toward the pharmaceutical industry that reports on consumer and juror sentiments and the ways in which their views and dispositions may impact litigation strategies.

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# Dallas' Charla Aldous Earns Lifetime Achievement Award, Other Honors

## **NEWS**

Charla Aldous of Dallas' Aldous\Walker has been named one of 22 recipients of *Texas Lawyer* newspaper's 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award.

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# Click it to Stick it: Guide to Creating Binding Online

# Agreements

## *White Paper*

By following certain guidelines, manufacturers and sellers can improve the likelihood that their online contracts and attempt to inform consumers will be enforced and upheld by the courts.

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## **AZA Scores Defense Win for National Oilwell Varco in \$120 Million Discrimination Suit**

### *NEWS*

AZA offered evidence that showed there were several non-discriminatory reasons some of the workers did not receive promotions.

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## **Top Five Things Clients Never Tell Their Lawyers**

### *Article*

The best, most cost effective, representation will be achieved only with the free flow of information, writes Francis Drelling.

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# State Limitations on Arbitration with Class Action Waivers Again Before Supreme Court

## **NEWS**

The latest of a line of recent cases in which the U.S. Supreme Court has weighed the enforceability of class action waivers in arbitration agreements was before the court on Oct. 6.

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# CFPB Proposes Banning Some Arbitration Clauses, Resurrecting Consumer Contract Class Actions

## **NEWS**

The announcement follows the CFPB's publication of a three-year study on arbitration that concluded that consumers generally are better served through litigation.

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# West Texas Jury Awards \$43 Million in Oil and Gas Lease Breach of Contract

## **NEWS**

Jury found that a group of oil and gas investors' business partners had breached fiduciary duties by crediting themselves for financial contributions they never made.

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# Houston Federal Jury Clears National Oilwell Varco in Employment Lawsuit

## **NEWS**

A Houston federal jury this week returned a verdict in favor of National Oilwell Varco, L.P., (NYSE: NOV), finding no wrongdoing in an employment discrimination lawsuit filed by eight African-Americans who sought \$120 million in damages.

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# Firm Wins on Both Sides of the Docket in Recent Civil

# Trials

## **NEWS**

Lawyers with Gruber Hurst Elrod Johansen Hail Shank have recently scored big wins on the plaintiff side and the defendant side of the docket in civil litigation.

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## **Legal Hold and Data Preservation Benchmark Survey**

### **Survey Results**

Zapproved's latest edition of its Legal Hold and Data Preservation Benchmark Survey Report, a survey series focused on legal data preservation and collections practices, shows that processes still lack maturity.

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## **Long Term Medical Needs: Complimentary CLE Seminar**

### **Event**

Occupational Assessment Services will present a complimentary CLE dinner seminar titled "Documenting Long Term Medical Needs through a Life Care Plan and Establishing a Special Needs Trust."

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# California Upholds Controversial Arbitration Clause Within Consumer Contract

## **NEWS**

The California Supreme Court ruled recently in a case involving an arbitration clause in a consumer contract that because the buyer could not negotiate the provisions of the sales contract, he had established “some degree of procedural unconscionability.”

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# Dallas Sexual Assault Victim Awarded \$21 Million Against Restaurant Owner

**NEWS** A young woman who was allegedly sexually assaulted in 2011 by the owner of a pizza restaurant in Addison, Texas, has been awarded \$21.43 million following a four-day bench trial heard in the 193rd District Court in Dallas.

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# Oral Warranties: Are They Enforceable?

## *White Paper*

Not all construction contracts are written, and contractors don't always provide a written policy at the end of a project, writes Austin B. Calhoun of Florida-based Jimerson & Cobb. This raises the question: are oral multi-year warranties enforceable?

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# Airlines Accused of Price-Fixing Conspiracy in Dallas Class-Action Lawsuit

**NEWS** A group of airline customers has filed a federal class-action lawsuit in Dallas accusing four major U.S. airlines of violating antitrust laws by conspiring to artificially inflate airfares in order to reap huge profits.

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# Judge Orders Colorado Oilman to Pay \$16.8M in Legal Fees

## **NEWS**

The defendant, Jack Grynberg, filed scores of lawsuits against natural gas and pipeline companies around the West in the late

1990s.

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# Archer Norris Publishes First-Ever California Business Litigation White Paper

## *White Paper*

California's increasingly oppressive legal and regulatory environment means it is now getting panned by many businesses.

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# White Paper: Trips, Slips & Falls – New National Standards Certain to Be a Game Changer

## *White Paper*

The Expert Institute has produced a white paper that's labeled as "everything attorneys need to know about new national standards for slip and fall liability."

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# Jeffrey Hart Joins Wilson Elser's Michigan Office as Of Counsel

## **NEWS**

Jeffrey C. Hart has joined Wilson Elser's Detroit Metro office in Livonia, Michigan, as of counsel.