Once Again, Trump DOJ Busts Convention, Splits Government in High-Profile Employment Case

News

The case of Donald Zarda, a skydiver who claimed his employer violated Title VII when it fired him after finding out he was gay, illustrates how the U.S. Department of Justice and the Equal Opportunity Commission can sometimes operate at cross purposes in litigation.

Can the President Be Indicted? A Long-Hidden Legal Memo Says Yes

News

The New York Times reports that the 56-page memo amounts to the most thorough government-commissioned analysis rejecting a generally held view that presidents are immune from prosecution while in office.

CFPB Hits Back at Efforts to Kill Rule Easing Bank Lawsuits

News

Under the new rule, financial firms are restricted from forcing consumers to resolve their disputes through arbitration, a practice that has been used by the industry for years to keep grievances tied to payday loans, credit cards and other products out of courts, reports Bloomberg.

Potential Medicaid Cuts Put Savings of Middle-Class Elderly at Risk

News

A Houston elder-care lawyer says the health care bill the U.S. Senate is fine-tuning could have profound effects on elderly people who rely on nursing home care.

Energy Department Seeks Input

on Regulatory Reform

News

This is part of a government-wide initiative to overhaul the federal government's regulatory regime, set in motion with an executive order signed by President Trump, reports K&L Gates.

Industry Lawyers Were Granted Ethics Waivers to Work in Trump Administration

News

Documents released this week reveal that lawyers, lobbyists and industry executives who can now shape policies benefiting their former clients and companies have been allowed to work in the Trump administration, even with the president's vow to "drain the swamp" of influence peddling, reports *The New York Times*.

White-Collar Lawyers See Opportunity in Trump Scandals

News

Politico reports that the Russia investigations are bad news for President Donald Trump, but they're a blessing for white-

collar lawyers and crisis consultants whose careers are primed to take off as the criminal probes unfold.

Healthcare Developer Fined $155 Million for Lying About Compliance

News

The settlement marks the first time an electronics health records vendor is being charged for the truthfulness and accuracy of representations made when seeking government certification, reports HIT Consultant.

Big Law Attorneys Think Twice About Trump Labor Gig

News

The search for political appointees to the DOL appears to be impeded by a shrinking pool of private attorneys willing to incur a lifelong Trump association, according to Bloomberg Law.

Bradley Partner Paul Compton to be Nominated to Serve as U.S. HUD General Counsel

News

Paul Compton currently serves as leader of Bradley's Affordable Housing and Community Development practice, a member of the firm's Banking & Financial Services group and Chair of the firm's Finance Committee.

DOJ Threatens Immigration Rights Lawyers, Demands They Drop Their Clients

News

In a letter last month, the Justice Department told the group it must 'cease and desist' providing certain legal assistance to immigrants unless it undertakes full representation of them in court. according to *The Seattle Times*.

Trump's Losing Streak in

Courts Is Traceable to Conservative Judges

News

The Trump administration's losing streak in courts around the nation has in large part been a product of precedents established by conservative judges in the Obama era, reports *The New York Times*.

Not an Inside Job: How Two Analysts Became SEC Whistleblowers

News

Reuters tells the story of how two analysts who liked to swap notes on numbers they thought looked odd took a fateful step and tipped off U.S. regulators about a company that one of them had watched for months.

The SEC Doesn't Like Your Employment Agreements

Insight

Companies should examine their employment agreements to ensure compliance with the SEC's Rule 21F-17, writes Evan Gibbs for

Above the Law.

Roy Moore’s Suspension Upheld By Alabama Supreme Court; Decision Next Week on Senate Race

News

Moore was suspended over his administrative order against the issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex couples, reports AL.com.

Trump’s Trademark Continues Its March Across the Globe, Raising Eyebrows

News

This business enterprise poses legal and moral perils to the president, even though that business now is run by his two sons.

Ex-U.S. Attorney Links Firing to Trump Team's 'Helter-Skelter Incompetence'

News

Preet Bharara, the former U.S. attorney in Manhattan, calls the way his firing was handled a direct example of "helter-skelter incompetence."

Removal of Energy 'Burdens' Could Have Huge Impacts

Insight

A provision of the "energy independence" executive order signed by President Trump is so broad in scope that legal experts say it could affect numerous government responsibilities far beyond those that deal directly with energy and climate change, according to a post by Climate Central.

Democratic Supreme Court Opposition Grows; Schumer

Warns GOP

News

Senate Democratic opposition to Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee swelled Friday as Democrats neared the numbers needed to block Judge Neil Gorsuch with a filibuster, reports the Associated Press.

Court: FERC's Regulatory Structure Not Biased in Favor of Pipeline Applicants

News

The district court concluded that if plaintiffs "are unhappy" with Congress's chosen appropriations to FERC, plaintiffs' "recourse lies with their legislative representatives," according to Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP's Gavel2Gavel blog.