Blue State Attorneys General Leading the Resistance to Trump’s Agenda

News

With Democrats outnumbered in Congress, a coalition of blue state attorneys general has emerged as the strongest resistance to Donald Trump’s conservative agenda, according to an article published by Bloomberg Businessweek.

U.S. Investors Fight to Preserve SEC Rule on CEO Pay Ratio

News

More than 100 unions, pension funds, activist investors, state treasurers and consumer advocacy groups urged the acting SEC commissioner not to delay the implementation of the rule, Reuters reports.

Leon Cooperman Ordered to

Trial in Insider-Trading Case

News

A billionaire investor could face trial on allegations that he reaped more than $4 million in illegal profits after conversations with a company insider, Bloomberg reports.

U.S. Investor, CEO Groups Set for Lobbying Battle Over Proxy Challenges

News

A major business trade group’s request that the White House use its influence on the SEC to make it harder to get governance, political or environmental issues onto corporate ballots has a new opponent, Reuters reports.

Texas May Face Federal Supervision After Judges’ Ruling on Congressional Districts

Insight

A Dallas attorney says Texas may have to ask for permission to

change election laws after a panel of federal judges ruled the maps drawn for three congressional districts violate federal statutes, according to a post on the website of Androvett Legal Media & Marketing.

The U.S. Tax Reform and the Energy Sector

Insight

Reforms in the U.S. tax code proposed being considered in Congress could have significant implications for the energy industry in the U.S., and worldwide, according to an article published on the website of Hogan Lovells.

EPA to the Oil and Gas Industry on its Request for Information: Never Mind

Insight

The EPA has announced that it will no longer demand detailed information regarding methane releases from gas production facilities and related equipment, reports Akin Gump in its AG Deal Diary.

China’s ZTE Pleads Guilty, Settles With U.S. Over Iran, NKorea Sales

News

Reuters is reporting that Chinese telecom equipment maker ZTE Corp has agreed to pay $892 million and plead guilty to criminal charges for violating U.S. laws that restrict the sale of American-made technology to Iran and North Korea.

U.S. Justice Department Targets Executives in Wells Fargo Probe

News

Reuters is reporting that a U.S. Justice Department probe into a phony accounts scandal at Wells Fargo & Co. is asking whether executives hid details from the company board and regulators as the problem grew over years.

Recent Decisions Clarify (Un)Enforceability of Class Action Waivers in Employment Agreements

Insight

Companies looking to waive class action rights of employees may instead be waving goodbye to provisions in their employment contracts, warns David Heck for Proskauer Rose.

Trump Seen as Supportive of Business-Backed Litigation Bills

News

An example is legislation calling for business-backed litigation measures, colloquially known as “tort reform,” reports Bloomberg BNA.

Healthcare and the False

Claims Act, 2016 Survey

Insight

Healthcare and the False Claims Act, 2016 Survey summarizes the important laws, regulations, pronouncements, and cases of the past year, to inform healthcare providers and healthcare attorneys on this crucial statute in the healthcare industry.

Workplace Harassment: New Considerations for New Administration

Event, Feb. 22, 12 p.m. EST

Navex Global will present a complimentary webinar titled "Managing Workplace Harassment: Trends and Objectives under the New Administration" on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

How a Typical Tolling Agreement Cost Duke Energy Corporation $600,000

Insight

A court recent ruled that a tolling agreement, when entered into between companies that intended to merge, violated the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, leading

to the imposition of significant financial penalties against the buyer, according to Hogan Lovells.

Republican Plan Would Ease Wall St. Rules, As Party Embraces Deregulation

News

Hensarling's plan would roll back Wall Street rules and consumer protections conceived after the 2008 financial crisis, a step that will largely define the financial deregulation debate in the Trump era, reports Reuters.

Akin Gump Lawyer Accused of Trying to Sell Lawsuit Under Seal

News

Jeffrey Wertkin immediately lost his job with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP after he was picked up Jan. 31 in the lobby of a hotel in Cupertino, Californiaallegedly trying to collect $310,000 for selling the lawsuit.

What Trump Can – and Can't – Do to Dodd-Frank

News

American Banker asks and answers the question of what will be the immediate impact of President Trump's executive order calling for a review of financial regulatory policy, especially the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act.

Trump May Be Skirting Transparency Law on Advisory Boards

News

There have been no official notices of any meetings and no executive orders laying out the duties of the "Strategic and Policy Forum" or any other groups Trump is convening.

Transcript Available: Former

SEC Chair White Speaks at Securities Regulation Institute

Insight

A free transcript of former SEC Chair Mary Jo White's speech at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law's 44th Annual Securities Regulation Institute is available.

U.S. Ethics Lawsuits Against Trump Part of Groups' Political Strategy

News

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington contended payments to Trump's businesses for hotel rooms and office leases run afoul of the emoluments clause of the Constitution.