Pipeline Opponents Face High Legal Hurdles Challenging Trump

News

Reuters is reporting that opponents of two controversial oil pipelines face an uphill battle if they fight construction of the lines.

Government Contracts Legislative and Regulatory Update

Insight

Dentons has published the latest edition of its “Government Contracts Legislative and Regulatory Update,” a summary of the relevant changes that took place during December.

Contracting by Tweet: What Impact Can the New

Administration Have on Existing Contracts and Future Awards?

Insight

A president always can pressure high-profile government contractors to “voluntarily” take actions to their detriment and in favor of the government, but what legal tools or contractual remedies are available if a president forces a particular outcome?

General Counsel in the U.S. are Bullish on Trump

News

Fifty-six percent of respondents expected Trump to affect their business in a positive way while 44 percent had a negative outlook.

Online Lenders Seeking to Boost Their Influence Under

Trump

News

Online lending companies are seeking to exert more influence in Washington under President-elect Donald Trump and a Republican-controlled Congress, reports Bloomberg.

Takata to Pay $1 Bln to Settle U.S. Air Bag Probe – Sources

News

Sources told Reuters that the settlement will include $850 million to compensate automakers who have suffered losses from massive recalls.

2017: An Evolving Landscape for Third Party Risk Management – Webinar

Event, Jan. 26, 1 p.m. EST

Navex Global will present a free webinar discussing how a new administration and anticipated enforcement and regulatory changes will impact third party due diligence programs.

Equifax and TransUnion Fined $23 Million for Misrepresenting Credit Products

News

Some of the companies' products offered as free, or as costing $1, in fact incurred monthly charges adding up to almost $200 a year, the CFPB claimed.

GOP Banking Chair: Dodd-Frank Dismantling is First-Year Priority for Trump

News

Dismantling President Obama's financial reform law is not a priority for President-elect Trump's first 100 days, the author of GOP legislation to undo the law said Thursday, but it is a task for Trump's first year, reports *The Washington Examiner*.

When Does a Contract Release Release a Claim? Classic Contract Tongue Twister

Insight

A recent ruling helps contractors understand the scope and contours of a release of claims in a contract, reports Covington & Burling LLP.

Global Risk: Fraud Detection and Investigations Across Jurisdictions

Event, Jan. 24, 3:30 p.m. EST

Bloomberg BNA will present a complimentary afternoon briefing on DOJ and SEC enforcement trends, new emerging risks, and recent cases that will keep attorneys ahead of the changing landscape, on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

California Hires Eric Holder as Legal Bulwark Against

Donald Trump

News

The Democratic leader in the California Senate said he expected California to challenge Washington on issues including the environment, immigration and criminal justice, reprots *The New York Times*.

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If Republicans Repeal Health Law, Paying For A Replacement Could Be Tough

News

Leading Republicans in Congress have vowed that even if they repeal most of the Affordable Care Act early in 2017, a replacement won't hurt those now receiving benefits, reports

NPR.

EEOC’s Informal Guidance on Reasonable Accommodations for Mental Health Conditions

Insight

The informal guidance is a useful primer for understanding the EEOC’s expanding stance on employer obligations to provide reasonable workplace accommodations, reports Seyfarth Shaw.

Sen. Jeff Sessions Faces Fight Over Bid to Be Trump’s Attorney General

News

Sessions has a controversial past on issues of race and immigration, including his failed confirmation of a federal judgeship 30 years ago largely because of racially insensitive remarks, reports NBC News.

Former U.S. Attorney Debra Wong Yang Being Considered to Lead SEC

News

Debra Wong Yang, who was the top federal prosecutor in the central district of California from 2002 to 2006, met with President-Elect Donald Trump on Monday, reports *The Wall Street Journal*

Why the Fed Is About to Raise Interest Rates

News

The *New York Times* authors discuss life in a low-interest world and explain that the Fed is wrestling with three big, intertwined questions: How many people want jobs? How low are interest rates? And what damage is done by doing nothing?

Skadden Publishes 2016 Edition of Energy Law

Handbook

Insight

The updates cover such topics as compliance programs, audits and investigations, criminal and civil penalties, FERC market manipulation enforcement, CFTC regulation, antitrust enforcement, reliability, affiliate rules, natural gas, false statements, and more.

Pension & Welfare Plan Overpayments: What's An Employer To Do?

Event, Dec. 6, 1 p.m. EST

Tax and employee benefits counsel must often advise their clients on best practices for handling potentially costly pension and welfare plan overpayments. Overpayments made in self-funded group health plans due to excessive charges by out-of-network providers and pension-plan overpayments on account of administrative errors may require potential contributions by the employer and lead to costly liability.