Revenge of the Robocall Recipients: Jury Finds Marketer ViSalus Liable for 1.8 Million Calls

News

Thei verdict exposes ViSalus to statutory damages of about $925 million, which could be trebled.

Technology Service Provider Contracts with Banks

Insight

The FDIC suggested that undefined and unclear contract terms in these areas contribute to uncertainty around bank rights and vendor responsibilities.

Former SeaWorld Associate GC Pleads Guilty to Insider Trading

News

The SEC said that it had also charged Paul B. Powers with

insider trading based on confidential information he received.

Pepper Hamilton Ordered to Turn Over Baylor Investigation Materials to Plaintiffs' Attorneys

News

A U.S. district judge has ordered Pepper Hamilton LLP to turn over materials tied to the law firm's 2015-16 investigation that led Baylor University regents to report the school had fundamentally failed in its Title IX implementation duties, reports the Waco *Tribune-Herald*.

Federal Judge Sets April 4 Hearing for Elon Musk Contempt Case

News

A federal judge in New York will hear oral arguments next week in a lawsuit brought by the US Securities and Exchange Commission that seeks to hold Tesla CEO Elon Musk in contempt for violating a settlement deal, according to a CNN report.

Energy Market Manipulation Remains a Hot Issue at FERC

Insight

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is continuing to aggressively investigate and bring enforcement action against companies that engage in energy market manipulation, reports WilmerHale in its 10-in-10 Hot Topics in Energy Series.

Biglaw Firm Sued for Role in $1.36B Grocery Chain Buyout

News

The complaint alleges Cravath drafted the SEC filing “to procure stockholder approval and cover up prior wrongdoing,” and in doing so, pocketed $5.5 million in fees in what amounted to “a sham sale process.”

Webinar: Obtaining Software Patents Using New Patent

Office Guidance

Webinar, March 20, 2019, and on-demand

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, “Back on Track?: Obtaining Software Patents Using New Patent Office Guidance,” featuring Fitch Even attorneys Timothy R. Baumann and George N. Dandalides.

Johnson & Johnson Acted as Opioid ‘Kingpin,’ Oklahoma Attorney General Says

News

The Oklahoma case is set to be the first in the nation to go before a jury that could determine pharmaceutical companies’ role in the nation’s opioid epidemic and whether Big Pharma should pay for it.

What Not to Do: Construction Contractor Charged With Lying to OSHA

Insight

A case discussed in a Seyfarth Shaw blog provides an important lesson: Don’t lie under oath, especially when there exists

discoverable evidence to the contrary.

New York Regulator Subpoenas Insurance Broker Over Trump Organization Dealings

News

The subpoena came after former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen told Congress the president inflated the value of assets to insurers, according to Reuters.

Lawsuit: Trump Family-Planning Rule ‘Politicizes’ Medicine

News

The new Department of Health and Human Services rule would prohibit family planning clinics funded by the federal Title X program from making abortion referrals.

Elon Musk Defiant As Judge Orders Him to Explain Tesla Tweets

News

Tesla’s internal system designed to have an in-house lawyer vet Elon Musk’s tweets didn’t work in this case because his social-media minder didn’t bless the Feb. 19 post.

U.S. Supreme Court Asked to Review Zero Emissions Credit Schemes

Insight

if the Supreme Court accepts the zero emission credits cases, it could clarify the scope of FERC’s authority to preempt state policy goals that interfere with the operation of wholesale markets, according to Verrill Dana LLP.

Lawyer Told Prosecutor She ‘Doesn’t Know How To Act Like

A Young Lady,’ Ethics Complaint Says

News

According to the complaint, Clifford Woodards II challenged the prosecutor, Heather Washington over a plea deal for his client in a traffic case.

Trump’s Emergency Declaration Echoes Harry Truman Failed Attempt

News

Trump’s emergency declaration is similar to President Harry Truman’s attempted takeover of the steel industry to avoid a strike during the Korean War by the United Steelworkers of America.

One of Apple’s Former Top Lawyers Faces Criminal Charges for Insider Trading

News

The former senior director of corporate law and corporate

secretary has been charged by the SEC with trading “on material nonpublic information about Apple’s earnings.”

Facebook Fine Could Total Billions if FTC Talks Lead to a Deal

News

Sources told *The New York Times* that the company and the FTC’s consumer protection and enforcement staff have been in negotiations over a financial penalty for claims that Facebook violated a 2011 privacy consent decree with the agency.

Attorney Suspended for 3.5 Years After Offering Legal Advice for Go Fund Me Money

News

As treasurer of the Kanawha Valley Soccer League, lawyer Mark Allen Glover allegedly transferred money from the league’s checking account to his personal checking account for personal use, reports *The West Vieginia Record*.

New Advertising Rules Coming for Texas Lawyers, Law Firms

Insight

The requested revisions seem to streamline the rules and make them easier to understand and follow, although it will be difficult to determine the true impact until after the final language is approved and the rules are enacted.