Enforcement Actions at Consumer Watchdog Agency Halt Under Trump

News

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has not recorded a single enforcement action against banks, credit card companies, debt collectors or any finance companies whatsoever since a Trump appointee took over.

Renewable Energy Deals Targeted for More Scrutiny in New Trade Report

Insight

Even investments in renewable energy businesses may be affected by this broadening of interest in the industry, and should be considered by parties as part of deal due diligence and negotiations of investment and acquisition agreements, according to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius.

Webinar Recording Available

on SEC Cybersecurity Guidance

On-Demand

Hunton & Williams LLP has posted an on-demand webinar discussing the Securities and Exchange Commission's recently released cybersecurity guidance.

Barclays Wins Its DOJ Gamble With $2 Billion Mortgage Settlement

News

Two former executives at the bank also settled Thursday and agreed to pay $2 million to resolve claims without admitting wrongdoing.

The Buy American Act and Trade Agreements Act: Understanding Federal Domestic Preference

Requirements

On-Demand

PilieroMazza has posted an on-demand webinar discussing compliance with new laws requiring or providing a preference for the purchase of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States.

State Department Updating Contracting Language to Head Off Confusion

News

The change is intended to head off problems such as the one seen earlier this year when a contractor would not comply with requests for an IT audit of security controls.

AT&T Wants to Buy Time Warner To ‘Weaponize’ Its Content, Government Says in Antitrust Trial

News

In opening arguments, Justice Department lawyer Craig Conrath

said AT&T could use Time Warner’s content as a weapon against competitors that rely on the programming.

Trump Labor Board Member Forgot About Conflict of Interest, Watchdog Says

News

National Labor Relations Board Member William Emanuel violated a White House ethics pledge by participating in a closely watched case involving his former law firm, the NLRB’s inspector general concluded in a report obtained by Bloomberg Law.

Former Jones Day Attorney Tapped For Position at the EEOC

News

The top litigator position at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has been vacant since December of 2016.

Five Ways the Senate Plans to Roll Back Regulations on Wall Street

News

If made into law, the legislation would weaken the Dodd-Frank Act and would free dozens of financial institutions from the strictest rules put in place by regulators after the crisis, according to *The Washington Post*.

Antitrust Litigation: How an Amicus Brief Can Win an Appeal

Insight

A group of 36 economists affiliated with top universities across the country filed an amicus brief explaining that the lower court used a faulty economic theory when it ruled against the FTC.

Conflict of Interest Causes

NLRB to Vacate Pro-Corporation Ruling

News

The NLRB threw out its most important ruling of 2017 – a 3-2 victory for major U.S. corporations – following an internal agency report that found that a potential conflict-of-interest had tainted the vote.

For the Third Time, Supreme Court to Hear Mandatory Union Dues Arguments

News

The case, appealed by an employee of the state of Illinois, comes after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit rejected his argument that the agency fee violated his rights under the First Amendment.

DOJ Warns of Criminal Actions Against Companies with

Agreements Not to Poach Competitors' Employees

News

Any violative anti-poaching policies after October 2016 expose employers to criminal punishment, warn three Seyfarth Shaw lawyers writing for Bloomberg.

U.S. Bank Cited by Federal Authorities for Lapses on Money Laundering

News

The bank settled the Justice Department charges and cases brought by other regulators by agreeing to pay various fines and penalties totaling $613 million.

On-Demand Webinar: Achieving GDPR Compliance

On-Demand

While the GDPR standardizes data protection law across the EU, it doesn't spell out how U.S. companies can update data preservation processes to be compliant.

SEC Weighs a Big Gift to Companies: Blocking Investor Lawsuits

News

Bloomberg is reporting that the SEC has privately signaled that it’s open to at least considering whether companies should be able to force investors to settle disputes through arbitration.

New Labor Board GC’s Restructuring Plan Worries Senior Officials

News

Senior officials with the National Labor Relations Board have expressed concern over a plan outlined by the board’s new general counsel to demote the senior civil servants who resolve most labor cases, reports >i>The New York Times.

Regulatory Whirlwind 2018: What's Ahead for Third-Party Risk Management?

Webinar, Jan. 25, 1 p.m. EST

NAVEX Global will present a complimentary webinar on recent and anticipated enforcement and regulatory changes as they concern third-party risk.

Suit By 22 State Attorneys General Seeks to Block FCC's Net Neutrality Repeal

News

The AGs' complaint argues that the vote last month by the Republican-controlled FCC was an "arbitrary and capricious" change to regulations, according to *The Los Angeles Times*<