

# 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.

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## Government Contracts Legislative and Regulatory Update – December 2016

## *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 November.

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## Contract Considerations in Dealing with Foreign Entities

## *Insight*

Nexsen Pruet attorneys Peter Santos, Christy Myatt, and David Garrett led a recent presentation on cross-border contracts to

members of the Association of Corporate Counsel Research Triangle Area.

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## **Webinar: Planning Your Contract Management Roadmap**

***Event, Jan. 18, 11 a.m. EST***

Contract management has become a critical business function within many organizations and a top initiative for C-level executives.

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## **License or Lease? The Contractual Limits of the Sharing Economy**

***Insight***

In an article posted on Commercial Property Executive's website, Elizabeth Levin of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips explores the implications of contracts and lease agreements pertaining to co-working and short term rental arrangements.

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# Nuts and Bolts of Technology Contract Drafting/Negotiation

## *Insight*

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP has published a summary of key takeaways from a recent presentation on technology contract drafting and negotiating to the Charlotte Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel.

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## Five Tips for Addressing Information Security in Service Contracts

## *Insight*

The risks associated with sharing data with a service provider are best managed through the utilization of contract provisions governing information security, writes Armand J. (A.J.) Zottola in Venable LLP's Digital Rights Review.

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## Navigating Construction Disputes, From Mediation to

# Litigation

## **Insight**

All parties involved with a construction contract need to explore which dispute resolution option is right for them and the project, and also ensure their contract terms are as clear as possible to avoid potential problems down the road, writes Kim Slowey in *Construction Dive*.

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## Don't Bury Arbitration in Your Employee Handbook

## **Insight**

Getting an arbitration clause to stick isn't always easy, but the effort can be worth it if it avoids just one drawn-out, expensive lawsuit, advises *Business Management Daily*.

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## Custom Electronics Client Contracts: Who Should Sign & Who Shouldn't?

## **Insight**

an agreement should not include a provision saying something like, "this contract is not valid unless signed by an officer of the Company," writes Jason Knott for CEPro.

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# It Can Be Challenging to Enforce an Arbitration Provision in an Expired Contract

## *Insight*

The case highlights the reality that provisions that are contained in written agreements will not necessarily survive expiration of the agreement simply because the relationship between the parties continues, reports Erin Palmer Polly for Butler Snow.

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# Fuzzy Math? 6 Differing Arbitration Agreements = 0 Arbitration Agreement

## *Insight*

If the parties intend their choice of arbitration to be binding and enforceable, the arbitration agreements in interrelated agreements must be compatible writes Liz Kramer in the Stinson Leonard Street blog.

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# Relax Lawyers, Nick Szabo Says Smart Contracts Won't Kill Jobs

## *Insight*

While traditional law falls into “jurisdictional silos” defined by state borders and other lines of demarcation, blockchain-powered contract law has the potential to exist across borders, says Nick Szabo, the man widely credited with inventing the smart contract concept.

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# Pitfalls of Present-Day Contracts: Hyperlinked Contract Terms

## *Insight*

Cloud-based services and data services are creating new contract challenges for service providers— and their customers, write Glynna Christian and Molly Bright for Kaye Scholer.

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# Transportation Companies – Contract Tips to Help Avoid Paying the Toll

## *Insight*

Transportation companies have become prime targets for patent infringement lawsuits in recent years, write Jonathan Todd and Justin P. Clark for Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff.

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# A Settlement Agreement That's Too Vague Doesn't Settle Much At All

## *Insight*

Stacey Lantagne, writing in her ContractsProf Blog, uses a recent Florida case to illustrate the importance of specificity when drafting contracts.

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# Smart Contracts Pose Enforceability Issues

## *Insight*

*Business Insider* summarizes the major findings of a new white paper by blockchain consortium R3 and global law firm Norton

Rose Fulbright.

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# The Black Hole of Contract Management

## *Insight*

Contract managers need to manage their data better, and some upcoming solutions can take unstructured data and present it in a structured way, writes Amanda Prochaska in her blog, Procurement Unstuck.

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# China Contracts: Dispute Resolution Clauses

## *Insight*

Dan Harris explains why a provision calling for Chinese contract dispute resolution in U.S. courts can sometimes be a hindrance, compared to a clause requiring dispute resolution to take place in Chinese courts.

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# Incorporation by Reference of an Arbitration Clause Is a Simple Matter ... Isn't It?

## *Insight*

Drafting an arbitration clause for an agreement may seem like a straightforward matter most of the time, writes Gilbert A. Samberg for Mintz, Levin.