

31 Days to More Effective Compliance Programs – Day 28 – Pre-Acquisition Due Diligence in Mergers and Acquisitions

Corporate Compliance A company that does not perform adequate due diligence before a merger or acquisition may face legal and business risks. Perhaps most commonly, inadequate due diligence

COVID Audits and Investigations: The Enforcers

NewsThe United States government has made available an estimated four trillion dollars in relief funds to businesses and individuals, and the Biden administration is proposing roughly two trillion dollars more.

Robinhood Agrees to Pay \$65M

Settlement Following SEC Claims About Trading

NewsRobinhood Markets has agreed to pay \$65 million to settle Securities and Exchange Commission allegations that the broker failed to properly inform clients that it sold their stock orders to high-frequency traders and other financial firms.

Texas Hiring Two Law Firms for Google Probe Team

NewsThe Texas attorney general's office has named The Lanier Law Firm and the law firm Keller Lenkner to the litigation team that would face off against Alphabet's Google in an expected antitrust lawsuit.

2021 Will See the Heat Turned up on Companies and Executives

News2021 will see a sharp rise in climate change litigation against companies and their executives around the world as cases begin to impact more individuals across a broader range of sectors.

California Privacy Ballot Measure Means New Compliance Hurdles

NewsCalifornia's new privacy agency means a fresh set of regulatory headaches for tech companies and other businesses operating in California that are already grappling with the state's landmark 2018 law.

Chester County Judge Misused Campaign Contributions for Gambling and Personal Benefit

NewsThe 45th Investigating Statewide Grand Jury announced charges against a Chester County magisterial district judge for using \$4,000 in campaign contributions for personal benefit.

Baltimore Attorney Facing

Federal Indictment for Attempted Extortion

NewsA federal grand jury has indicted Stephen L. Snyder, age 72, of Miami Beach, Florida, on the federal charges of attempted extortion and interstate travel and use of an interstate facility to carry on unlawful activity, also known as the Travel Act.

Google Parent Agrees to \$310M Misconduct Lawsuit Settlement

NewsGoogle's parent company has reached a \$310 million settlement in a shareholder lawsuit over its treatment of allegations of executives' sexual misconduct.

Daimler to Pay \$2.2 Billion in Diesel Emissions Cheating Settlements

NewsDaimler AG will pay \$2.2 billion to resolve a U.S. government diesel emissions cheating investigation and claims from 250,000 U.S. vehicle owners, court documents show.

Woman Arrested at Boston Airport, Suspected of Running Unlawful Law Practice in Uptown Dallas

NewsMassachusetts state police detained Camilia Shene Johnson at Logan International Airport on Sept. 5 as she tried to board a flight to Istanbul, Turkey.

Abusive Communications Are Not Acceptable in the C-Suite or On the Plant Floor

News

In recent weeks, because of the remoteness of our work forces, we have seen an increased incidence of abusive written communications between employees.

BigLaw Firm Sued Over \$3M Wire Transfer to Fraudster's Account

News

Holland & Knight is facing a lawsuit alleging that it failed to prevent the transfer of more than \$3 million to a fraudster's account in Hong Kong.

Lawyer Arrested for Forging Judge's Signature to Get Client's Ankle Monitor Removed

News

Paul "Jake" York, an attorney in Georgia, is accused of forging not just a prosecutor's signature but also a judge's in the hopes of getting his client's ankle monitor taken off.

The Bigger the Better?

Understanding the Biglaw Salary Scale

News

The Cravath Scale, an offshoot of the Cravath system, is named after Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, the firm which is generally considered the authority on setting associate salaries.

Threat From Within: Inside Counsel's Role In Defending Against Data Breaches

News

The biggest threat in terms of disclosure of sensitive information comes from so-called "insider threats," in the form of employees who disclose protected information or provide a means of access to that information to third parties, either unwittingly or otherwise.

Inside Counsel Beware: Your Job Description Now Includes

Antitrust Compliance

News

Attorneys General in several states have stepped up their challenges to no-poach agreements, particularly in franchise settings.

Dentons Says \$32.3M Malpractice Verdict Was 'Simply Wrong,' And It Will Appeal

News

Dentons says it will appeal a \$32.3 million malpractice verdict based on its disqualification in a patent case because of work done by its Canadian branch.

In-House Attorneys Cannot Be Bound By Non-Competes In Ohio

News

On Feb. 7, the Ohio Board of Professional Conduct issued an opinion letter stating that in-house counsel cannot be bound by non-compete agreements.

Koppers Appoints Successor to General Counsel

News

Stephanie Apostolou has been elected general counsel and secretary of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-based Koppers and Koppers Holdings, effective March 1.