Recent Oil and Gas Verdict Highlights Importance of FLSA Compliance

Insight

A recent case from the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania highlights how expensive a Fair Labor Standards Act case can be.

New Decision Highlights (Again) the Importance of Defining ‘Commercially Reasonable Efforts’

Insight

If your client is going to contractually commit to using commercially reasonable efforts to do something – and if your client expects that obligation to require something less than “all reasonable efforts” – then you’ll want to make that expectation clear in the contract itself, advises D.C. Toedt III in the On Contracts Blog.

Discrimination Defense Lawyer Confirmed for Trump Civil Rights Post

News

Bloomberg Law reports that the U.S. Senate has confirmed Eric Dreiband, a Jones Day attorney who defends companies accused of discrimination, to lead the Justice Department office that enforces anti-bias laws.

In Rare Bipartisan Move, 31 States Ask SCOTUS to Undo Ban on Consumer Antitrust Claims

News

Reuters points to an effort illustrating a rare show of bipartisanship as state politicians rally around the cause of overturning U.S. Supreme Court precedent that protects monopolists from consumer suits.

Texas Lawyer Who Claimed

Political Donations Influenced Appeal Faces Possible Discipline

News

Plaintiffs' lawyer John McCraw of Dallas is facing possible disciplinary action because he filed a motion asking two appellate court justices to remove themselves from a case, according to *Dallas Observer*.

Feds Settle Huge Whistleblower Suit Over Medicare Advantage Fraud

News

MedCity News reports that one of the nation's largest dialysis providers will pay $270 million to settle a whistleblower's allegation that it helped Medicare Advantage insurance plans cheat the government for several years.

Morrison & Foerster Will Eat

$16M in Fees, Costs Pursuing Vets' Claims

News

Bloomberg Law reports that Morrison & Foerster LLP accepted a fee award from the U.S. Army that's $16 million less than the fee the firm could have sought.

Law Firm Admits 'Unjust Enrichment,' Agrees to $23 Million Settlement

News

Stan Chesley, who was disbarred in Kentucky over his actions, was the sole owner of the firm, Waite Schneider Bayless & Chesley.

Vizio Reaches Potential Settlement for Its Spying TVs — And Victims Could Receive

Less Than a Dollar

News

Vizio has announced a potential $17 million settlement in a recent class action lawsuit, which could result in a pay-out that is as little as a few cents for each of the millions of affected customers, reports the *New York Daily News*.

Founder of Tea Party Nation Has Been Disbarred for Trying to Scam Timeshare Owners

News

Tennessee attorney Judson Wheeler Phillips, a senior partner with Nashville-based Castle Law Group, was accused of taking off with the money he earned from the fraudulent transactions, the Tennessee Supreme Court has ruled.

Overqualified? Or Too Old? Ex-GC's Age Discrimination Case Takes Aim at Biased

Recruiting Practices

News

The Chicago Tribune tells the story of a former general counsel who had been unemployed and job hunting for three years when he came across a position that seemed promising, but the part that excluded any applicants with his years of experience.

Federal Appeals Court Rules Uber Can Force Drivers Into Individual Arbitration, Voids Class-Action

News

The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco overturned a lower-court order that had certified the drivers' class-action effort.

Florida Supreme Court Deals Blow to Geico in 'Bad Faith'

Dispute

News

The 4-3 ruling came in a multimillion-dollar case that has been watched by the insurance industry and trial attorneys.

Former Skadden Partner May Face Charges Related to Manafort-Linked Ukraine Report

News

The report was written by Skadden attorneys about the 2011 trial of Yulia Tymoshenko, a former prime minister of Ukraine who was found guilty of abusing her office.

Cloak-and-Dagger Saga Over Cybercrime, Trump Dossier Plays Out in Miami Courtroom With Celebrity Lawyer

News

A federal courtroom in Miami is now the intersection for a

celebrity attorney, two major cybercrimes and a foreign tech firm with an ephemeral South Florida address and entanglement in the Trump-Russia probe, reports the *Miami Herald*.

IBM Sued for Age Discrimination After Thousands of Older Workers Laid Off

News

The lawsuit alleges that the plaintiffs are among thousands of IBM employees to be laid off recently as the result of a shift in IBM's focus to recruit millennials, reports *USA Today*.

'Outrageously Excessive' Requests for Attorney Fees Can Be Altogether Denied, 3rd Circuit Says

News

Lawyers seeking the fees had admittedly tasked one lawyer with recreating time records that included vague descriptions and excessive hours, the appeals court said.

State Supreme Courts Increasingly Face Partisan Impeachment Threats

News

Lawmakers' partisan disapproval of rulings appears to be a strong motivator for ousting judges, according to *Governing*.

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2 Firms Each Sanctioned $500 After Defendant Complains of 'Egregious Discovery Gamesmanship'

News

The judge said the plaintiffs' lawyers had tried "to use as a weapon in this litigation whatever misunderstanding occurred regarding how discovery requests and/or responses would be exchanged," reports the *ABA Journal*.

SEC Says Biotech Billionaire CEO Took Part in Pump-and-Dump Schemes

News

In a lawsuit filed in federal court in New York, the SEC alleged OPKO Health chairman and CEO Phillip Frost took part in three pump-and-dump schemes between 2013 and 2018, according to MedCity News.