Texas Lawyers React to Justice Anthony Kennedy's Retirement

News

Some Texas lawyers share their thoughts on the upcoming retirement of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy.

PA Court Rejects Fracking Company's Appeal In 'Rule Of Capture' Decision

News

A Pennsylvania appeals court rejected a request by a natural gas production company to rehear a case whose outcome could affect drillers across the country, reports WSKG.

An Arbitrator's Power May Be Greater Than That of a Judge

Insight

Although an arbitration agreement can be written (double-spaced) on one side of a cocktail napkin, in some cases it may grant greater authority to an arbitrator than a judge has,

writes Narges Kakalia of Mintz Levin.

Federal Suit Claims Systemic Failures to Pursue Rape Cases by Travis County DA, Austin Police

News

Three women have filed a federal class action lawsuit claiming that the Travis County District Attorney's office and the Austin Police Department have violated the constitutional rights of women and discriminated based on gender in the manner in which they handle sexual assault cases.

Oil Firm, Once Called 'Wolf of Wall Street Type' Company, Sued By SEC for Fraud

News

Company brochures said that some of the wells were expected to provide returns of 300 to 500 percent, a number the SEC said conflicted with geologist production estimates, reports *The Dallas Morning News*.

Benefits and Challenges of Robotized Arbitration

Insight

Big data and e-discovery can assist counsel in document management and reduce the risk of human error during discovery, write Winston Maxwell and Gauthier Vannieuwenhuyse of Hogan Lovells.

Texas Court Holds Drop in Oil Prices is Not Force Majeure

News

Oil and gas operators should be careful to expressly identify any market-based risks that they want to encompass within force majeure provisions, advises Liskow & Lewis.

$17M Target Data Breach Settlement Affirmed on Second

Try

News

The settlement, which provides for a $10 million fund for customers and $6.75 million for plaintiffs' attorneys, won final approval in November 2016, according to Bloomberg Law.

Dallas Attorney Indicted for Allegedly Stealing From Client

News

Walter Thomas Finley is charged with felony theft in a case involving the trust fund of an East Texas woman.

VA Nurses' Class-Action Overtime Lawsuit Could Open Door to More Plaintiffs

News

Class representatives brought the lawsuit on behalf of nurse practitioners and physician assistants from VA facilities across the country.

Trump’s Lawyer Michael Cohen Expects to Be Arrested Any Day Now: Reports

News

An ex-White House official said that “Trump should be super worried about Michael Cohen” deciding to cooperate with federal prosecutors against the president.

Texas Family Sues U.S. Over Church Massacre

News

The lawsuit in federal court claims the U.S. Air Force acted negligently when it failed to report the criminal record of gunman Devin Kelley to a U.S. database, reports Reuters.

Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants Receive

Class Action Status in VA Overtime Suit

News

A federal judge has certified a class action lawsuit involving nurse practitioners and physician assistants accusing the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs of failing to pay overtime since 2006.

Fifth Circuit Allows Non-Signatories to Enforce Arbitration Agreement

News

The Fifth Circuit has affirmed an order compelling arbitration, despite the fact that the parties seeking to compel arbitration were not signatories to the relevant arbitration agreement, according to Carlton Fields.

Biglaw Firm Gets Benchslapped Over ‘Astonishing’ Fee

Request

News

Massachusetts Superior Court Judge Mitchell H. Kaplan criticized Latham for charging such a high fee “to file a brief that a first-year law student could write.”

Blockbuster Term: Justices Could Determine Limits of Courts’ Ability to Check Trump Administration

News

The next term for the U.S. Supreme Court could bring some blockbuster rulings that will signal to lower courts how they should treat the unorthodox President Trump, predicts *The Washington Times*.

Subcontractors Sue Valero Over Explosion at Texas City Refinery

News

The workers are seeking damages based on claims that they

suffered orthopedic injuries and hearing loss from the accident and are dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder, reports the *San Antonio Business Journal*.

North Texas Spa Sued Over Drowning Death in Sensory Deprivation Tank

News

A Texas plaintiff has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against The Float Spot, alleging the company's negligence led to the drowning death of a 71-year-old woman in one of its aquatic sensory deprivation tanks.

Texas Appellate Court Affirms $11M Jury Verdict for Deadly Choctaw Casino Bus Crash

News

A Texas appellate court has affirmed an $11 million verdict against the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, upholding a May 2016 jury verdict that the Choctaw Casino bore responsibility for a deadly 2013 crash.

Jury Awards $25.75 Million in Talc-Mesothelioma Case Against Johnson & Johnson

News

The verdict by jurors in Los Angeles Superior Court before Judge Gloria White-Brown includes $21.75 million in compensatory damages and $4 million in punitive damages.