AZA Adds Six Litigators to Trial Team

News

Houston-based Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing has added six litigators to its trial, the firm announced.

Qualcomm Just Got Fined $1.23 Billion for Illegal Payments to Apple

News

The European Commission found that Qualcomm effectively shut down competition in the market, no matter how good competitors' products were, reports *Fortune*.

Usual Suspects: MDL-Experienced Lawyers Flock to Opioid Litigation for Possible Big Payday

News

The prospect of the biggest payday since the $200 billion

tobacco settlement in 1998 has drawn many of the same plaintiff lawyers who appear again and again in big tort cases, according to *Forbes*.

Trump Appointing Judges at Rapid Pace

News

A data analysis by the *Los Angeles Times* has found that President Trump is ranked sixth of 19 presidents for appointing the highest number of federal judges in their first year.

Appellate Court Tosses $2.9M Judgment in Breach of Contract Case

News

The Texas 4th Court of Appeals in San Antonio found that the former lawyer retained by the two energy companies filed an agreement in a breach of contract lawsuit without signing it, and failed to keep the companies apprised of court events.

Biglaw Firm Hit With $300 Million Gender Discrimination Lawsuit

News

Ogletree, Deakins nonequity shareholder Dawn Knepper has hit her employer with a $300 million purported class-action suit alleging gender discrimination and unequal pay, reports Above theLaw.

Workplace Lawyers Race Against the Trump Clock

News

Labor lawyers rush to lock in payouts ahead of a shifting legal landscape, according to a Bloomberg report.

Judge Fines Environmental Attorneys $52,000 for ‘Frivolous’ Injection Well

Suit

News

A federal judge has ordered a pair of attorneys for an environmental group to pay $52,000 in legal fees to an energy company because, the judge said, they filed a “frivolous” legal challenge to a fracking waste injection well in Pennsylvania, according to a report by StateImpact.

Defend, Indemnify, Hold Harmless – What This Contract Language Means for A/E Professionals

Insight

J. Brandon Sieg of Vandeventer Black LLP addresses the question of what is meant when a contract requires an architect or engineer to “defend, indemnify, and hold harmless” the project owner for specific (or not so specific) types of claims that might arise in the future.

Download: ‘Comprehensive E-

Discovery Workflow Guide’

Insight

The Exterro resource compiles four checklists documenting best practices for each stage of the e-discovery process.

Billionaire Files Legal Malpractice Suit Over $214M Judgment

News

The plaintiff claims that he would not have been liable had Kaye Scholer and partner Peter Haveles objected to faulty jury instructions that Rennert has said led to an “irrational” February 2015 verdict, reports Reuters.

2018’s Top 10 Legal Challenges in Privacy and Data Security

Insight

In an article for Bloomberg Big Law Business, Wiley Rein LLP’s Kirk Nahra details the top-10 U.S. and international developments in 2018 that companies must be aware of to ensure an effective information security program.

Here are the Major Questions Before the Supreme Court This Year

News

Los Angeles Times reporter David G. Savage takes a look at the most-interesting legal issues that the U.S. Supreme Court will be facing during the first half of the new year.

Trump’s Effort to Stop Publication of Scathing Book is a Break in Precedent

News

Inn aDouglas Brinkley, a presidential historian at Rice University, likened Trump’s actions this week to those of Richard M. Nixon, reports Slate.

Southwest Airlines Reaches

$15 Million Settlement in Price Collusion Lawsuit

News

Southwest Airlines agreed to pay $15 million to settle nationwide antitrust litigation by passengers who accused the four largest U.S. carriers of conspiring to raise fares by reducing seating capacity, reports *Fortune*.

Spotify Hit With $1.6B Copyright Suit Over Tom Petty, Neil Young Songs

News

A music publishing company has filed a lawsuit in California federal court that alleges that Spotify is using tens of thousands of popular songs without a license and compensation, reports *Billboard*.

GM Wins Ruling That Could Narrow Ignition Switch

Litigation

News
The judge in the multi-district litigation ruled that the expert testimony offered by plaintiffs was unreliable, and their opinions “do not pass muster.”

Apple’s iPhone Slowdowns Have Customers Hurrying to Court

NewsBloomberg Law reports that IPhone users have begun racing to courthouses, infuriated by an Apple Inc. software update that slowed down the operation of their smartphones.

Download: FRCP & E-Discovery: The Layman’s Guide

Insight
Exterro has published “FRCP & E-Discovery: The Layman’s Guide” to sort out the technical aspects of the FRCP as they relate to e-discovery, supported with relevant case law and expert opinions.

Republicans Attack ABA Over ‘Not Qualified’ Judicial Nominee Ratings

News

As the ABA has emerged as a major stumbling block in President Donald Trump’s effort to transform the courts, the GOP is accusing the nonpartisan group of holding a liberal slant and is seeking to sideline it, Politico reports.