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.

Lawyer Spared from $1M Sanction Faces $45K Fine

News

Philadelphia insurance defense attorney Nancy Raynor had at one time faced a $1 million sanction, imposed for alleged witness intimidation during a medical-malpractice case.

Trump Nears Settlement in Trump University Lawsuit

News

Some former students of the now-defunct school claim they were they were lured by false promises into paying up to $35,000 to learn Trump’s real estate investing “secrets” from his “hand-picked” instructors, according to Reuters.

Judge Tells Trump University Litigants They Would Be Wise to Settle

News

The statement by U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel came after he had tentatively rejected a bid by Trump to keep some statements from the presidential campaign out of the fraud trial.

Could Presidential Election Results Usher in Federal-Level Tort Reform?

Insight

Dallas lawyer Trey Branham of Dean Omar Branham says Donald Trump’s election could mean Texas-style tort reform at the federal level.

Trump’s Victory Has Enormous Consequences for the Supreme Court

News

At some point next year, the nine-member court will be restored to full capacity, once again with a majority of Republican-appointed justices, writes Robert Barnes for *The Washington Post*.

Class-Action Attorneys Awarded $555.2 Million for Work in BP Suits

News

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier pointed out that award represents about 4.3 percent of the estimated $13 billion that BP is expected to pay under the ongoing settlements, reports *The Times-Picayune*.

Casino Could Face Liability

Claim in Crash That Killed Charter Bus Passengers

News

A California casino could be held responsible for the deaths of more than a dozen casino customers following the crash of a charter bus with a questionable safety record, says Dallas bus crash lawyer Frank Branson.

Alabama Supreme Court Justices Recuse Themselves in Roy Moore’s Fight to Return to Office

News

The Alabama Supreme Court will recuse itself from suspended Chief Justice Roy Moore’s appeal of his ethics convictions, and defer to a special court to hear the appeal, according to a report by the *Montgomery Advertiser*.

Chicago Lawyer Has Filed More

Than 900 Qui Tam Actions Against Internet Retailers

News

Attorney Stephen B. Diamond of Chicago has filed at least 911 qui tam actions in Cook County Circuit Court under the Illinois False Claims Act (FCA) and has racked up almost $30 million in settlements over 15 years, a new analysis by Bloomberg BNA reveals.

Apple Sues Amazon Supplier Over Fake iPhone Chargers

News

Apple said it purchased iPhone-related products that were advertised by Amazon as genuine Apple gear, complete with Apple copyrighted images and sometimes in packaging copied from real Apple accessories.

The Comprehensive Guide to E-Discovery Preservation

E-Book

Exterro has published “The Comprehensive Guide to E-Discovery Preservation,” an e-book that discusses how to incorporate

preservation principles into the legal process that will enable defensible and proportional policies.

Class Action Launched Against Samsung Over Note 7 Debacle

News

The ongoing fallout from Samsung's Note 7 debacle now includes a possible class-action lawsuit against the company in the U.S., according to a report by digital Trends.

Hedge Fund Sues Theranos, Citing 'Lies, Material Misstatements, and Omissions'

News

Partner Fund Management, a San Francisco-based hedge fund that reportedly wrote out a $96 million check to Theranos in 2014, is now suing the blood-testing startup and its founder, Elizabeth Holmes, reports TechCrunch.

Apple Wins Appeal Reinstating $119.6 Million Samsung Verdict

News

Apple Inc. won an appeals court ruling that reinstates a patent-infringement verdict it won against Samsung Electronics Co., including for its slide-to-unlock feature for smartphones and tablets, reports Bloomberg.

A Reminder of the Seriousness of Drafting and Interpreting Contracts

Insight

Constant vigilance, skilled lawyering and good deal-making skills remain critical to the proper drafting of contractual arrangements, points out Glenn West in a post on Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP’s Global Private Equity Watch.

Which Firms Give In-House

Counsel Nightmares?

News

BTI Consulting Group has published the results of its 2017 “Fearsome Foursome” survey, in which 300 general counsel named which law firms they would least like to see as opposing counsel.

Wells Fargo Customers May Never See Their Day in Court, Experts Say

News

Mandatory arbitration contract clauses may protect the bank from class-action suits brought by customers who had bank or credit card accounts opened in their names without their knowledge, reports NBC News.

Facebook and Its Lawyers Slammed by Judge in Terrorism Suits

News

The judge also chewed out the company’s law firm, saying “it is outrageous, irresponsible and insulting” for sending a

first-year associate to handle the hearing.

Just CRAZY About Tiffany’s? Don’t Use Their Name

News

A trial has begun for the case in which Tiffany & Co. sued Costco, claiming that the warehouse giant sold more than $6 million of ersatz Tiffany engagement rings and improperly used the jeweler’s name on at least 200,000 in-store signs.