Silicon Valley Star Gets Caught Up In One of the Nastiest Startup Lawsuits Ever

News

One of the founders of futuristic transportation start-up Hyperloop One has filed a wrongful termination suit against his former co-founder, alleging nepotism and harassment, CNN is reporting.

SEC Accuses KPMG Partner in Atlanta, Two Others of Insider Trading

News

U.S. securities regulators have accused a KPMG partner and two other individuals of insider trading on tips about three pending corporate mergers on which the accounting firm was providing advice, Reuters is reporting.

Uber GC’s 10-Word Email Could Lead to Potentially Costly Embarrassment

News

A supposedly rogue investigation that Uber originally claimed it knew nothing about – and which could turn out to be a costly embarrassment for the ride-hailing giant – began with a 10-word request from the company’s general counsel, reports Matthew Flamm in *Crain’s New York Business*.

Contractual Waiver of Subrogation Applied to Owner’s Non-Work Property

Insight

Considerable litigation has arisen as to whether a waiver of subrogation provision in a construction contract applies to bar an insurer’s subrogation claim against a contractor to the extent the insurer covered damage to the owner’s “non-work” property under the owner’s existing property policy, writes Robert Barrack of Robinson Cole.

Former Pinochet Lieutenant Living in Florida Liable for Murder and Torture

News

A six-person jury in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District Florida found Pedro Pablo Barrientos Nunez liable for the 1973 detention, torture and execution of Chilean social icon Víctor Jara.

Big Law Trial Lawyer Goes Solo

News

Veteran trial lawyer James Edward “Jim” Maloney, formerly of Baker Botts and Andrews Kurth, has opened a solo practice in Houston.

MasterCard-Visa Settlement With Retailers Is Overturned

News

A federal appeals court has overturned a historic antitrust settlement between retailers and Visa and MasterCard, reviving more than a decade of legal battles over processing fees,

according to a report in The New York Times.

Oracle Ordered to Pay HP $3 Billion in Itanium Case

News

Reuters is reporting that a California jury ordered Oracle Corp. to pay Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Co. $3 billion in damages in a case over HP’s Itanium servers, an Oracle spokeswoman said on Thursday.

For Conservatives, High Court’s Term Was a Letdown

News

The most high-profile cases, including affirmative action, abortion restrictions, labor union fees, gerrymandering and the use of executive power, ended either with liberal victories or draws that set no precedent.

Report: VW to Pay About $10.2B to Settle Emissions Claims

News

USA Today is reporting that German automaker Volkswagen Group is expected to deliver a $10 billion settlement to cover government fines and compensate owners of vehicles fitted with software that cheated emissions standards.

Supreme Court Rejects Challenge to Patent Review Process

News

The ruling is seen as a victory for technology companies like Apple and Google, which have used the procedures to invalidate patents they believed to be weak.

Watchdog Group Denied Depositions in Third Clinton

Email Case

News

The ruling gives some relief to the State Department and Clinton, which have both been the subject of intense scrutiny over the private email setup that the former secretary of State used throughout her time in the Obama administration, reports *The Hill*.

Survey of International Litigation Procedures: A Reference Guide

Reference Guide

The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) Foundation has published its first Survey of International Litigation Procedures: A Reference Guide that offers an overview of the civil justice systems of 49 countries, including key aspects of litigation in each jurisdiction.

Indemnification: Are Attorneys' Fees Incurred in

Claims Between Contracting Parties Covered?

Insight

Unlike most contractual disputes, it is not just merely the language used but also the circumstances in which the parties were contracting that will be determinative of whether direct claims are covered by the indemnity (and thus whether there will be reimbursement of legal fees), according to Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP's Global Equity Watch.

Unanimous Ruling for Beck Redden Clients Statoil ASA and Fargo Acquisition

News

The case, *Brigham Exploration Co. et al. v. Boytim et al.*, involves Statoil's 2011 acquisition of Brigham Exploration Company, Beck Redden said in a release.

FedEx Agrees to $240 Million Settlement With Drivers in 20

States

News

FedEx Ground Package System Inc. has agreed to pay drivers in 20 states $240 million to settle lawsuits claiming the second-largest U.S. parcel delivery company misclassified them as independent contractors, it said on Thursday, according to a Reuters report.

Trump’s Lawyers Urge Judge Curiel to Keep Deposition Video Secret

News

The videos Trump’s lawyers want to keep out of the public record are from Trump’s deposition late last year and early this year in a class-action lawsuit accusing him of fraud.

Contractual Personal Liability: The Body Trumps the Signature Line

Insight

The body of a contract must clearly convey whether the parties intend for the contractual obligation to create liability on

behalf of the individual signing the contract or not, warns Adam B. Edgecombe of Jimerson & Cobb, P.A.

Conflict Resolution Group Blasts Trump's Statement on Judge

News

CPR said it took this position in response to recent statements made by Trump questioning the impartiality of Judge Gonzalo P. Curiel because of his Mexican heritage, and also questioning whether a Muslim judge could fairly preside over a case involving him.

Judge Tosses $200M Patent Verdict; Cites In-House Lawyer Misconduct

News

A federal judge in California said Merck cannot enforce the patents because Merck's own lawyer gave inconsistent and untruthful testimony during the trial.