CMS Issues Final Rule Implementing SMART

NEWS

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has issued a final rule implementing provisions of the Strengthening Medicare and Repaying Taxpayers Act (the SMART Act), establishing a right of appeal and formal Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) appeals process for applicable plans, reports Carr Allison Medicare Compliance Group.

Cameron Robinson Appointed to IAPP Young Privacy Professionals Board

The national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP announced that Cameron Robinson, a member of the firm, has been appointed to the IAPP Young Privacy Professionals Board.

Merrill Again Earns kCura's Relativity Best in Service

Designation

Merrill Corporation, a provider of technology-enabled services for the legal, financial, health care, real estate and other corporate markets, has received kCura’s Relativity Best in Service designation.

Louisiana Court Rules in Failure-to-Pay Settlement Case

A Louisiana court ahs ruled in a case on an insurer’s failure to pay a settlement, finding the party need not prove the insurer was “arbitrary, capricious, or without probable cause” in failing to pay.

Discovery Management Practice Inventus Acquires Unified OS

Inventus, a discovery management practice, has acquired London based Unified OS Ltd. and certain of its affiliates.

Dykema Lawyer Authors Treatise for Practising Law Institute

Mark Malven, Ann Arbor and Bloomfield Hills-based member of national law firm Dykema, has authored a treatise published by the Practising Law Institute (PLI) titled, “Technology Transactions: A Practical Guide to Drafting and Negotiating Commercial Agreements.”

Nine at Gruber Hurst Named to Rising Stars List

NEWS

Nine attorneys from the Dallas litigation firm Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank LLP have been named to the 2015 Texas Rising Stars list, which honors the state’s top lawyers age 40 or younger and those who have been in practice for no more than 10 years.

Chemical Reform Bill is ‘Deeply Problematic,’ Law

Professors Say

NEWS

Law professors from across the country – from Georgetown to the University of California – say they have “serious reservations” about the new chemical reform bill introduced by Sens. Tom Udall (D-N.M.) and David Vitter (R-La.) , reports The Hill.

Northwestern Mutual to Pay $84 Million to Settle Annuities Suit

NEWS

Reuters is reporting that Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. has agreed to pay $84 million to settle a lawsuit claiming that it illegally reduced potential payouts on annuities it sold at least 30 years ago, cheating investors who used them as retirement investments.

Why Bankers Are Leaving Finance for No-Salary Tech

Jobs

NEWS

As investment firms have curtailed or shuttered lines of business, particularly in debt trading, the contractions have prompted former bankers to quit finance and put their experience to use in the new field of financial technology

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The Main Cause of Data Breaches: Human Error

NEWS

Egress Software Technologies has produced an infographic showing how human errors are the main cause of data breaches.

AZA Promotes Prominent Litigator Elizabeth Pannill Fletcher to Partner

NEWS

Successful litigator Elizabeth “Lizzie” Pannill Fletcher has been promoted to partner at Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing P.C., or AZA.

James Moriarty Joins Chesapeake Utilities as GC, VP

NEWS

Chesapeake Utilities Corp. has announced today that James Moriarty has joined the company as Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary.

Duke Energy to Pay $146M to Settle Suit Over CEO Ouster

NEWS

America’s largest electric company announced that it is settling a lawsuit that claimed shareholders lost millions of dollars when Duke Energy fired its CEO hours after a long-anticipated buyout of its smaller neighbor, reports the *Greensboro News & Record*.

Dykema Lawyer Named to

Magazine’s 2015 Most Influential Black Lawyers List

NEWS

Dykema, a leading national law firm, has announced that a member of the firm, Sherrie Farrell has been named to Savoy Magazine’s 2015 Most Influential Black Lawyers list.

Labor Slack Diminishing, Wage Hikes on the Way

NEWS

BloombergBusiness has published four charts that show the labor market is about as tight as it can be right now, and “the end of slack is near.”

Two Farrell Fritz Partners Receive Honors

NEWS

Farrell Fritz has announced honors for two of its partners: Thomas J. Killeen and Patricia C. Marcin.

Labor Department Lawyers Can Shift Loan Officer Policy, Court Rules

NEWS

The Obama administration had the authority to make a 180-degree shift in labor policy and declare thousands of mortgage loan officers subject to wage-and-hour laws, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, according to a report by *Forbes*.

DOJ Settles With JPMorgan Chase Over Bankruptcy Practices

NEWS

The Department of Justice’s U.S. Trustee Program has entered into a national settlement agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. requiring Chase to pay more than $50 million to more than 25,000 homeowners who are or were in bankruptcy.

Sayles Werbner Attorneys Recognized in 2015 Texas Rising Stars Listing

NEWS

Five attorneys from Dallas' Sayles Werbner are being recognized among the top young lawyers in the state in the 2015 Texas Rising Stars list based on their courtroom work in Texas and across the United States.