

# Takata Names New GC in North America

## **NEWS**

Embattled Japanese air bag manufacturer Takata Corp. has named a new general counsel for its North American unit – less than a week after its president and chief operating officer resigned.

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# Uncommon Fracking Ban Concept May Surface in New York

## **NEWS**

The concept of takings, like eminent domain, requires the government to compensate private property owners for assets taken away because of government action.

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# Fired Banker Sues Ex-Employer Over Money, Non-Compete Clause

## **NEWS**

A former president of Baltimore-based First Mariner's mortgage division has sued his ex-employer, seeking compensation totaling more than \$1 million.

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# Federal Court Rules on Ownership of Androxal Patents

## **NEWS**

Repros Therapeutics Inc. announced Dec. 29 that a federal judge in Texas has issued a definitive ruling finding correct inventorship for two of the company's Androxal patents.

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# How To Guard Against China Counterfeiting

## **NEWS**

Anyone doing business in China should anticipate infringement of their intellectual property rights, says Dan Harris.

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# Cybersecurity Firm Veracode to Hire 100, Including GC

## **NEWS**

Massachusetts-based cybersecurity firm Veracode will increase its headcount from by about 100 employees during 2015 to deal with a surge in demand for companies fighting online threats.

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# CEO Apologies of the Year

## **NEWS**

Sometimes it's a business gaffe, sometimes it's something dumb from your personal past.

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# Alstom to Plead Guilty to Bribery of Foreign Officials

## **NEWS**

The French industrial giant Alstom has agreed to plead guilty and pay the largest fine ever levied by the United States for foreign bribery.

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# Jury Awards Highland Capital \$40 Million in Suit Against Credit Suisse

## **NEWS**

A Texas jury has awarded hedge-fund firm Highland Capital Management \$40 million in a lawsuit against Credit Suisse over inflated appraisals of a dozen luxury properties.

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# 4th Circuit Employment Law Case Illustrates High Cost of Litigation

## **NEWS**

A recent employment case teaches a lesson about the potential costs of winning at litigation.

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# Alstom to Pay Record \$772 Million in U.S. Bribery Settlement

## **NEWS**

Alstom SA pleaded guilty and agreed to pay a record \$772 million to end a U.S. Justice Department investigation into bribes paid to win power-plant contracts.

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# Kodak Promotes Deputy General

# Counsel to GC

## **NEWS**

Eastman Kodak Co. has promoted Deputy General Counsel Sharon E. Underberg to General Counsel.

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# Avon Fined for Bribing Chinese Officials With Gucci Bags

## **NEWS**

Beauty goods company Avon has been fined \$135 million by the SEC for bribing Chinese officials with luxury goods.

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# Ex-American Realty Official Claims Firm Cooked Books

## **NEWS**

American Realty Capital Properties Inc., the U.S. real estate investment trust reeling from reports of an accounting cover-up, was sued by a former executive who said she was fired for blowing the whistle on financial improprieties.

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# Drug Maker Accused of Price Gouging

## NEWS

A lawsuit alleges Gilead Sciences is price gouging by pricing its Sovaldi hepatitis C treatment at \$1,000 a pill, the *Wall Street Journal* reports in one of its blogs.

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# Houston Energy Giant Names New GC

## NEWS

Enterprise Products Partners L.P. announced Dec. 17 the election of Craig W. Murray as group senior vice president and general counsel.

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# Texas Stretched No-Bid Program to Help Austin Company

## NEWS

Texas Health and Human Services Commission general counsel

resigns in wake of questions of favoritism.

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## **Google, Verizon Patent Deal Could Cut Future Litigation**

### **NEWS**

Google and Verizon have entered into a long-term patent cross-license agreement intended to thwart lawsuits from trolls.

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## **BlackBerry Looks for Comeback With Launch of Classic**

### **NEWS**

Blackberry is re-emphasizing the physical keyboard, rather than trying to compete directly against the touchscreen handsets of dominant rivals.

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## **Why Shooting Victims Can't Win Lawsuits Against**

# Gunmakers

## **NEWS**

The latest attempt to sue a gunmaker for firearm mayhem is under way in Connecticut.