Tech Giants Back Microsoft in Overseas E-Mail Fight

NEWS

The unusually high number of friend-of-the-court briefs and the breadth of groups that signed on reflect how significant the issue of privacy in the digital age is to U.S. industry.

Sony Hack: First Lawsuit Filed Against Company by Ex-Employees

NEWS

Some former employees of Sony Pictures Entertainment have filed a suit forcing the company to defend the security measures it took in advance of the hack.

PetSmart to Sell Itself to Investor Group for $8.7 Billion

NEWS

PetSmart agreed on Sunday to sell itself to a group led by the investment firm BC Partners for about $8.7 billion, months

after the retailer came under pressure from two hedge funds.

Falcons' Parent Names King & Spalding Partner New GC

NEWS

AMB Group LLC, parent company of the Atlanta Falcons, has appointed Mike Egan as general counsel, effective Jan. 5, 2015.

IRS 'Safe Harbor' Can Protect Labor Tax Cheats

NEWS

A decades-old loophole in federal law allows many companies to identify their workers as independent contractors for tax purposes even though the workers are, in fact, employees.

NLRB May Be Preparing

Onslaught of Law-Changing Decisions

NEWS

The National Labor Relations Board is getting ready to issue an onslaught of law-changing decisions as we head into the holiday season, predicts *The National Law Review*.

Small-Business Pairing on Contracts Falls Short, GAO Says

NEWS

The federal government doesn’t have a system that can help pair small business subcontractors with prime contracts, and existing contract-tracking systems aren’t up to the job either, according to a report by the GAO.

Court to Consider Equal Accommodation for Pregnant Workers

NEWS

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear a case that asks whether a

company discriminates by refusing to provide a simple accommodation to an expectant mother.

New Technology Helps Develop Trial Strategy

NEWS

New technology can predict outcome in the courtroom, helping lawyers develop their trial strategy.

Employees Can Use Work Email for Union Organizing, Board Rules

NEWS

The National Labor Relations Board ruled on Thursday that employers could not prohibit employees from using their company’s email to communicate and engage in union organizing on their own time.

IBM to Get New GC, Promoted from Within

NEWS

International Business Machines Corp. has named Michelle Browdy as new general counsel.

Hackers Release Sony Pictures' GC's Emails

NEWS

The hacking group responsible for obtaining and then leaking thousands of pieces of confidential Sony information, has released the email of Sony Pictures General Counsel Leah Weil.

EDRM Publishes Statistical Sampling Applied to E-Discovery

NEWS

EDRM, the leading standards organization for the e-discovery market, has released an updated Statistical Sampling Applied to Electronic Discovery.

Elite Lawyers Take the Lead Before the Supreme Court

NEWS

An elite cadre of lawyers has emerged as first among equals, giving their clients a disproportionate chance to influence the law of the land.

Verizon Names New General Counsel and Public Policy Lead

NEWS

Verizon Communications Inc. has announced that Craig Silliman, senior vice president, public policy, has been named executive vice president – public policy and general counsel.

Brinker International Names Scarlett May SVP, GC

NEWS

Brinker International, Inc. announced Dec. 8 that Scarlett May

has been named Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the company,

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Execs Usually Aware of International Bribes, Study Says

NEWS

A study has found that most international bribes are paid by large corporations, usually with the knowledge of senior-level executives.

Attorneys General and Energy Lobbyists Form Alliance

NEWS

Out of public view, corporate representatives and attorneys general are coordinating legal strategy and other efforts to fight federal regulations.

Data Breaches Could Spoil Retailers' Holiday Season

NEWS

Many large retailers remain woefully unprepared to defend against a cyber attack, according to security experts.

Cisco Accuses Arista of Copying Work

NEWS

Cisco Systems filed a suit on Dec. 5 against Arista Networks, a networking switch company and fast-moving competitor, accusing it of copying large amounts of Cisco's work, reports *The New York Times*.