M&A Surge Could Cost In-House Lawyers, Accountants Their Jobs

NEWS

When a company buys another business, frequently the acquiring party sees some “overlapping general and administrative functions” in the company that was acquired.

Wingstop Appoints New General Counsel

NEWS

Wingstop Restaurants Inc. has appointed Jay Young to be the company’s next general counsel.

Magazine Profiles IRR Strategies General Counsel Ed Vidal

NEWS:

Hispanic Executive magazine has profiled Eduardo Vidal, general counsel of IRR Strategies, who moved to the United States as a nine-year-old boy from Cuba.

Halliburton Buying Baker Hughes For $34.6 Billion

NEWS

Halliburton Co. will buy Baker Hughes Inc. for about $35 billion in cash and stock, Reuters is reporting.

Attorney Sentenced to Five Years in Prison for Defrauding Investors

NEWS

The U.S. Department reported that the ex-GC of an underwriters company was sentenced to five years in prison on Nov. 14 , followed by three years of supervised release, for a wire fraud conspiracy, wire fraud and obstruction of justice.

California Peach Farmer, Union Slug It Out at Hearing

NEWS

An administrative law hearing that could determine whether

more than 3,000 workers at the nation’s biggest peach farm are unionized got heated when a lawyer for Gerawan Farming accused the chief prosecutor in the case of playing “hide and seek” with evidence and witnesses.

Takata Air Bag Problem Gets Worse

NEWS

The controversy surrounding the allegedly defective shrapnel-slinging exploding air bags continues to grow, now that with Nissan says it will add another 52,000 vehicles to its recall effort.

Securities-Fraud Scheme Lands Ex-COO 30 Months in Prison

NEWS

Stephen Shea, the former chief operating officer of brokerage firm Sky Capital LLC, has been sentenced to 30 months in federal prison for his part in a $140 million securities-fraud scheme.

Can Computer Application Programming Interfaces Be Copyrighted?

NEWS

The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) reports that it has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review a “disastrous” appellate court decision finding that com[puter application programming interfaces (APIs) can be copyrighted.

GM Names Firm to Lead Search for New General Counsel

NEWS

Executive search firm Heidrick & Struggles International Inc. will lead the search to find a new general counsel to succeed General Motors Co.’s Michael P. Millikin, who will retire early next year, reports The Wall Street Journal.

Qualcomm Faces Two New Antitrust Probes

NEWS

Qualcomm faces three investigations into allegations of anti-competitive behaviour, as it revealed new probes in the US and

EU on top of the antitrust inquiry it already faces in China, according to a report in *The Financial Times*.

Apple Facing Trial for Music Downloading Restrictions

NEWS

Apple will try to defend against allegations that it violated antitrust laws by trying to restrict music downloads for iPods to its iTunes store. Jury selection in the federal trial will begin Nov. 19, reports the *San Jose Mercury News*.

Media Companies Want Programming Contracts Kept Confidential

NEWS

Some media companies have sought a court order to stop the U.S. Federal Communications Commission from disclosing programming contracts as part of its review of Comcast Corp.'s proposed purchase of Time Warner Cable Inc.

Energy-Storing Batteries Will Boost Grid Reliability

NEWS

Renewable Energy Systems Ltd., a developer of clean-energy projects, is building battery storage units near Chicago that will boost grid reliability, reports Bloomberg News.

Holiday Workers Need Background Checks, Too

NEWS

Because temporary employees usually have access to your place of business, and they interact with your permanent work force and maybe even clients, it’s important to be sure they can be trusted, advises EmployeeScreenIQ.

Determining a Consumer’s Modified Adjusted Gross Income

White Paper

The National Health Law Association has posted online a complimentary white paper on rules for determining a consumer’s Modified Adjusted Gross Income.

Apple Suppliers Shunned as GT Bankruptcy Sparks Selloff

NEWS

The bankruptcy of GT Advanced Technologies Inc. wiped out 92 percent of its value in a single day last month, leading to a loss in investor confidence in Apple Inc. suppliers and vendors .

For-Profit Education Groups Sue to Block Gainful Employment Rules

NEWS

Inside Higher Ed reports that the for-profit education sector’s primary trade group on Thursday filed suit in federal court to block gainful employment regulations, which the U.S. Department of Education unveiled last week.

In-House Legal Work to

Increase Over the Next Year

News

Corporate law departments have reported in a recent Altman Weil survey that they will cut down on outside counsel spending over the next year, writes JDJournal, reporting on Altman Weil Inc.’s “2014 Chief Legal Officer Survey.”

Win-Win or Hardball: Learn Top Strategies from Sports Contract Negotiations

White Paper

Harvard Law School’s Program on Negotiation is offering a free copy of “Win-Win or Hardball: Learn Top Strategies from Sports Contract Negotiations.”