Trump's Fast-Tracking of Oil Pipelines Hits Legal Roadblocks

News

Successful legal challenges by environmental groups allege the administration failed to apply the regulatory scrutiny required under the law.

Merger Non-Compete Clauses — Be Lawful or Be Gone

Insight

A recent FTC enforcement action clarifies the requirements for non-compete clauses in M&A agreements.

Expropriation Ruling Explains Landowner's Burden to Prove Severance Damages to a 'Legal Certainty'

News

A Louisiana appellate court has added to the relatively sparse

body of appellate rulings in pipeline expropriation matters with an unpublished opinion affirming that landowners whose property is expropriated must prove their entitlement to severance damages to a "legal certainty."

FERC has Options if Court of Appeals Shuts Down Operating Interstate Pipeline

Insight

A Pierce Atwood article discusses a ruling that raises the possibility that a court will vacate certificates of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of some functioning gas pipelines.

Significant New Safety Requirements Proposed for Natural Gas Pipelines

Article

The proposed rule could expand the definition of regulated gathering lines, accelerate pipeline repairs, and set a higher bar for data gathering and analysis of risk, among other changes.