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TOP NEWS

Senate Grilling Just The Beginning For Wells Fargo

Investor confidence in Wells Fargo & Co. was not terribly shaken after lawmakers roasted the bank's chief executive on Tuesday, but significant risks to the bank and its top officers remain following the \$185 million penalty it paid for generating more than 2 million phony accounts.

Texas Lawmaker Says ABA Ethics Rule Unconstitutional

A Texas lawmaker argued in a letter to the state attorney general that a recent American Bar Association policy change barring attorneys from discriminatory or harassing behavior in their law practices is unconstitutional and targets religious lawyers.

30 States Seek High Court Review Of Del. Seizure Practices

A 30-state request to open a U.S. Supreme Court review of Delaware's practice of sweeping up unclaimed or abandoned money orders and traveler's checks is slated for the high court's Sept. 26 conference, with an estimated \$200 million, and potentially more, on the line.

House Passes Bill Easing Lawsuits Against New Regs

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill Wednesday to allow lawsuits to delay major rulemaking even though the White House has threatened to veto the measure over its potential impact on environmental, financial and other regulations.

Senate Drops Efforts To Stop \$1B Saudi Arms Deal

The Senate voted Wednesday to punt an attempt to block the sale of \$1.15 billion in tanks, armored vehicles and other military equipment to Saudi Arabia, despite bipartisan concern over the conduct of the House of Saud, the country's royal family.

Mass Deportations Could Cost US \$4.7 Trillion, Says Report

Mass deportations such as those proposed by Donald Trump would cost the U.S. economy \$4.7 trillion over the next decade, and the hardest-hit industries would be agriculture, leisure and hospitality and construction, according to a new report by the Center for American Progress.

Ron Paul's Campaign Staffers Sentenced Over 2012 Payments

Three former Ron Paul campaign staffers convicted of arranging to pay an Iowa state legislator to back their boss in the 2012 presidential race drew sentences ranging from three months in jail to six months of home

LAW FIRMS

Archer & Greiner
Baker Botts
Balch & Bingham
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Dechert
Dentons
Dorsey & Whitney
Earthjustice
Fish & Richardson
Fisher Phillips
Greenberg Traurig
Hangley Aronchick
Hogan Lovells
Hunton & Williams
K&L Gates
Latham & Watkins
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
LeClairRyan
Lewis Brisbois
Meyer Glitzenstein
Morgan Lewis
Morrison & Foerster
Norton Rose Fulbright
Orrick Herrington
Perkins Coie
Polsinelli
Quinn Emanuel
Sidley Austin

confinement Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Justice and court papers said.

ANALYSIS

3 Key Questions As FCC Special Access Vote Nears

The Federal Communications Commission is entering the home stretch in the process of adopting new rules to promote competition in the market for business data services, and experts say the agency is likely only weeks away from a vote to apply rate regulations on those services in an attempt to open up markets. Here are the three key questions remaining before the vote.

BANKING & SECURITIES

Securities Regs Can't Stop At Nat'l Borders, SEC Head Says

Speaking at a conference Wednesday, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Chair Mary Jo White urged securities regulators around the world to better coordinate their efforts and strip away the barriers that currently crop up against overseeing financial markets across national borders.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

EPA Rule Can't Replace Pollution Controls, Enviro Say

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency wrongly concluded that aging, coal-fired power plants could use the emissions trading program in the agency's Cross State Air Pollution Rule to comply with regional haze requirements instead of installing additional pollution controls, environmental groups told the D.C. Circuit on Tuesday.

NY Sen. Pushes EPA To Rethink GE's Hudson PCB Cleanup

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand called on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to require General Electric Co. to continue with efforts to remove polychlorinated biphenyls from the Hudson River, joining a growing chorus of objections to a decision last year that allowed the cleanup endeavor to cease.

EPA Dodges Suit To Put Emission Regs On Animal Feedlots

A D.C. federal judge threw out a lawsuit by an animal welfare organization and environmentalists trying to force the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to regulate emissions from animal feedlots under the Clean Air Act, finding Tuesday that the groups didn't give the required notice to the agency before filing their case.

Enviros Slam FERC's 'Abuse' In Gas Project Approvals

More than 180 environmental and local advocacy groups from 35 states called on federal lawmakers to address what they call abuses present in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's natural gas infrastructure approval process, saying congressional hearings are needed before any action is taken on the Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2016.

FWS Wants Common Bee Species On Endangered List

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed listing the rusty patched bumblebee as endangered under the Endangered Species Act, pointing out Wednesday that their numbers have shrunk by more than 90 percent since the 1990s.

Skadden

Squire Patton Boggs

Stroock & Stroock

Sutherland Asbill

White & Case

Wolf Greenfield

Womble Carlyle

COMPANIES

AOL Inc.

AT&T Inc.

Altman Weil Inc.

American Bar Association

American Civil Liberties Union

American Farm Bureau Federa

Bank of England

C. R. Bard, Inc.

CSP Inc.

CTIA

Center for American Progress

Comcast Corporation

Consilio LLC

Delaware Riverkeeper Network

Electronic Frontier Foundation

Exelon Corporation

Facebook

Federation Internationale de

Football Association

Frontier Communications

Corporation

Gazprom

General Dynamics Land Syster
Inc.

General Electric Company

Google Inc.

Humane Society of the United
States

Idenix Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Information Technology Industr
Council

International Bar Association

Internet Corporation for Assigne
Names and Numbers

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

KBW, Inc.

Lawyers' Committee for Civil
Rights Under Law

LinkedIn Corp.

Pa. Gov. Nominates DEP Acting Secretary To Top Role

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf on Wednesday tapped the acting secretary of the state's Department of Environmental Protection to serve permanently in the role, which he has held since his predecessor resigned in May amid reports that he had exerted pressure on advocacy groups.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

VA Slammed In Report On Hospital Project Blowout

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' inspector general on Wednesday blamed agency officials' pervasive mismanagement for the ongoing problems with a notorious Denver VA hospital replacement project, which has been repeatedly delayed and is expected to notch more than \$1 billion in cost overruns.

IP & TECHNOLOGY

Experienced Judges Getting Patent Cases, Report Finds

The Federal Judicial Center released its five-year report Wednesday on the implementation of the Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Pilot Program, finding the Eastern District of Texas dominates in patent lawsuit filings and that most patent cases go before an experienced "designated judge," meeting a program goal.

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Philly Wants Full 3rd Circ. Review In Airport Ad Ban Dispute

Philadelphia asked the full Third Circuit on Tuesday to review a precedential panel decision that the city's ban on noncommercial advertising at Philadelphia International Airport trampled on the First Amendment, saying the panel went too far in questioning the city's motivations behind the policy.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Md. Counties Can't Jump Into Purple Line Suit, Court Told

A group of Maryland residents argued Tuesday that Prince George's County and Montgomery County officials shouldn't be allowed to chime into their Washington, D.C., federal suit challenging the environmental review for the \$5.6 billion Purple Line light rail extension project, saying their request comes too late.

GWB Defendant Said Closings 'Important To Trenton': Official

The head of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said Wednesday at the George Washington Bridge lane-closing trial that he ordered the lanes reopened amid public safety concerns, but that one of the defendants demanded that the closures be reinstated, saying, "the issue was important to Trenton."

GSA Finalizes Scope Of Transportation Contract Audits

The U.S. General Services Administration has finalized new changes to audit procedures that civilian and military agencies must put in place to monitor their transportation expenses, clarifying a number of terms about the scope of the audits.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Lyft Inc.

Microsoft Corporation

MoneyGram International, Inc.

Mylan NV

NVIDIA Corporation

National Association of
Manufacturers

National Railroad Passenger
Corporation

Natural Resources Defense
Council

Netflix Inc.

New York University

Pfizer Inc.

Scenic Hudson Inc.

Sheet Metal Workers Internatio
Association

Sierra Club

Societe Generale

Star-Ledger LLC

State Bar of Texas

The Bank of New York Mellon
Corporation

Time Warner Cable

Times of Trenton Publishing Co

Turing Pharmaceuticals AG

Twitter Inc.

United Auto Workers

Verizon Communications

Wells Fargo & Co.

eBay Inc.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Army Corps of Engineers

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Central Intelligence Agency

Congressional Research Servic

Consumer Financial Protection
Bureau

Defense Advanced Research
Projects Agency

Department of Commerce

Election Assistance Commissio

Executive Office of the Preside

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Federal Communications
Commission

Federal Election Commission

Obama, Others Shake Individual Claims In Spy Suits

President Barack Obama, former attorney general Eric Holder and other officials escaped claims brought against them as individuals by Freedom Watch founder Larry Klayman as part of challenges to the NSA's metadata collection programs, with a D.C. federal judge holding Wednesday they weren't properly served.

House Committee Frustrated At Mylan CEO's Tight Lip

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Oversight and Government Reform accused Mylan NV CEO Heather Bresch on Wednesday of dodging their questions about the controversial price increase of the company's epinephrine injector EpiPen and hiding how much the company has profited.

House Bills Would Rate Elections As Critical Infrastructure

U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Ga., on Wednesday rolled out a pair of bills meant to combat rising concerns over the security of the federal election process by designating voting systems as critical infrastructure and requiring that these systems be taken offline within the next two years.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

GSA Watchdog Flags Waste In Government Supply Program

An internal watchdog has called on the U.S. General Services Administration to step up oversight of its governmentwide procurement program for commercial goods and services after finding pervasive issues that have resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in unnecessary spending, according to a memo made public Wednesday.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

5th Circ. Says State Dept. Can Restrict 3-D Gun Printing Data

In a published opinion Tuesday, the Fifth Circuit ruled the U.S. State Department has the right to block a firearms advocacy group from posting designs for making firearms on a three-dimensional printer online, saying the regulation is needed for national security.

Obama Would Likely Veto Iran Asset Transparency Bill: OMB

The Obama administration said Wednesday it would likely veto a bill that would require the U.S. government to report all assets held by some of Iran's highest leaders, among other things, saying the bill would hinder efforts for greater transparency regarding Iran.

Biz Groups Tout Cross-Sector TPP Support In Call For Action

The business community continued with its effort to get the Trans-Pacific Partnership ratified on Wednesday as trade associations from the agriculture, information technology and services industries urged the White House and Congress to tee the massive trade deal up for a vote.

China's Trade Boss Frets Over Escalating Tariffs

China's Ministry of Commerce called for the nation's trading partners to scale back their steep remedial tariffs on products shipped out of Beijing, claiming Tuesday that the duties are protectionist measures that are hampering the global trading system.

TAX

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Federal Judicial Center

Federal Trade Commission

Federal Transit Administration

Fish and Wildlife Service

Food and Drug Administration

Indian Health Service

Internal Revenue Service

Maryland Transit Administration

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

National Institute of Standards & Technology

National Labor Relations Board

National Science Foundation

National Security Agency

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)

Securities and Exchange Commission

U.S. Army

U.S. Attorney's Office

U.S. Civilian Board of Contract Appeals

U.S. Copyright Office

U.S. Department of Defense

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Department of Justice

U.S. Department of Labor

U.S. Department of State

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

U.S. Department of the Interior

U.S. Department of the Treasury

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. General Services Administration

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

IRS Chief Defends Record At House Panel On Impeachment

IRS Commissioner John Koskinen defended himself against impeachment attempts at a House panel hearing Wednesday, while acknowledging there were mistakes in his agency's steps to comply with congressional investigations.

Tax Groups Stump For Overseas Data Access Reform Efforts

A coalition of tax groups on Tuesday pushed Congress to enact bipartisan legislation that would help clear up the debate over the federal government's ability to access user data stored abroad by service providers, saying the proposal "strikes the right balance" between privacy and the needs of law enforcement.

IMMIGRATION

AG Lynch Implores Biz Group To Help Fight Terrorism

Attorney General Loretta Lynch used a stump speech before the International Bar Association on Wednesday to praise cooperation spanning borders and call for even more involvement by businesses to combat terrorism, cyber threats, corruption and human trafficking.

Pa. House Panel OKs Bill Making Sanctuary Cities Liable

A Pennsylvania legislative committee gave initial approval on Tuesday to a bill that could impose civil liability on Philadelphia, a so-called sanctuary city, for injuries and property damage resulting from crimes committed by undocumented aliens.

Texas Cites Syria In Threat To Stop Resettling Refugees

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott threatened to withdraw his state from a federal refugee resettlement program Wednesday, saying the Obama administration has until month's end to show it is serious about scrutinizing refugees from Syria and other "terrorist-based nations."

NATIVE AMERICAN

Senate Panel OKs Tribal Biz, Health Reform Bills

The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs passed three bills on Wednesday, including proposals to give tribes more access to capital, foster Native entrepreneurship and reform the Indian Health Service.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC's O'Rielly Has 'Grave Concerns' On Internet Transition

Republican Federal Communications Commissioner Michael O'Rielly denounced the planned transition of the internet's domain name system away from U.S. oversight, saying that he has "grave concerns" that a new global multistakeholder community will allow despotic regimes to influence control and censor online content.

NYC Asks FCC To Improve Alert System After Bombings

New York City government officials urged the Federal Communications Commission this week to require modern features in mobile emergency alerts in the wake of the recent pressure-cooker explosion in the Chelsea neighborhood, saying things like photographic, URL and geo-targeting

capabilities would make the alert service more effective.

Internet Group Fights Bid For Uniform FCC Privacy Rules

The Internet Commerce Coalition on Tuesday shot back at privacy groups' call for the Federal Communications Commission to subject de-identified data to the same stringent privacy standards as sensitive data, arguing that this approach would fly in the face of other well-established privacy regimes.

Cornyn Urges FCC To Delay TV App Access Rule

Texas Republican Sen. John Cornyn asked the FCC on Tuesday to hold off on adopting new regulations requiring cable television providers to create apps to deliver their content on third-party platforms, saying the Senate Judiciary Committee needs time to consider the effect on privacy protections and copyright law.

PEOPLE

Archer & Greiner Snags Former Philly Solicitor

Archer & Greiner PC announced Wednesday that it had nabbed Shelley Smith, a former Philadelphia solicitor under Mayor Michael Nutter, as a partner in the firm's litigation and employment practice groups.

Pa. AG Names Cozen O'Connor Atty As Special Adviser

Pennsylvania's recently appointed attorney general announced Wednesday that he had named a Cozen O'Connor attorney who briefly served as his predecessor's chief of staff as a special adviser.

Baker Botts Hires 2 Quinn Emanuel Russian Disputes Attys

Baker Botts LLP announced on Wednesday that it has added to its Moscow office two international disputes partners from Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP who have helped banks, energy companies and others through investigations and arbitrations and lawsuits with billions of dollars on the line.

Asian Bar Wants Review Of 'Gay Marriage' Judge's Ouster

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association urged the New York legal community Wednesday to review a county-level Democratic party vote that barred a Manhattan judge known for deciding a major gay marriage case from running for re-election on the Democratic ticket in November.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

An Unusual Attorney-Client Privilege Twist For Backpage

In the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations' litigation against Backpage, a D.C. federal court recently ruled the company cannot assert attorney-client privilege to protect certain documents. The decision has significant implications for any individual or company facing demands from Congress for documents, information or testimony, says Brian Smith of Covington & Burling LLP.

NLRB Grad Student Decision Extends Beyond Unionization

Following the National Labor Relations Board's recent ruling allowing teaching and research assistants to unionize, university administrators should take note of the board's aggressive agenda toward employers. Many employment practices that have heretofore seemed common and acceptable are now not in the eyes of the NLRB, says Amy Strauss of Fisher Phillips.

What To Know About New NHTSA Self-Driving Cars Policy

With the release of its long-awaited guidelines on the regulation of highly automated vehicles Tuesday, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration appears to be providing automakers a great deal of latitude. However, consumer watchdogs will likely cite the string of recent product recalls as evidence that automakers cannot and should not be allowed to police themselves, says Michael Nelson of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP.

The Big Picture: EU's Financial Regulation Offensive

It is important that the European Union authorities focus on finalizing and implementing the outstanding regulatory agenda, but it is erroneous to point to a lack of new legislation and initiatives as evidence that the approach to financial regulation is weakening, says Peter Green of Morrison & Foerster LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

5 Firms Named The Savviest At Social Media Marketing

Five BigLaw law firms have been recognized for their social media marketing savvy in a report out Wednesday that compares the Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and online thought leadership skills of the largest law firms in the U. S.

The 4 Biggest Challenges GCs Face Today

Managing a legal department today means steering it through the modern pitfalls that are redefining what it means to be a general counsel, from shrinking budgets and headcounts to a rising tide of cyber risk. Here, experts discuss the biggest threats that law departments face and how some have learned to cope.

District Court Vacancies Way Up Under Obama, Report Says

President Barack Obama is currently facing a higher rate of judicial vacancies than his predecessors, according to data from the Congressional Research Service, which puts the number of district court vacancies at almost 40 percent higher than they were at the end of President George W. Bush's tenure.

Stroock Picks New Co-Managing Partner

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP said Tuesday it is undergoing a leadership transition as longtime co-managing partner Stuart H. Coleman steps aside to make way for a successor, Jeffrey R. Keitelman, co-chair of the firm's national real estate practice and co-managing partner of the firm's Washington, D.C., office.

Pro Bono Firm Of 2016: Debevoise & Plimpton

Victories scored by Debevoise & Plimpton LLP's pro bono program included a settlement and ongoing work on a workplace discrimination suit that affects hundreds of class members, and a pair of clemency petitions for nonviolent drug offenders that will have lasting individual effects, landing the firm a spot among Law360's Pro Bono Firms of 2016.

Rainmaker Q&A: Orrick Herrington's Hilary Winter

Aspiring rainmakers should first concentrate on being an excellent lawyer. Once you gain some skills, recognize that this is less than half of what it takes to be successful, says Hilary Winter, leader of the corporate group at

Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP in London.

Rainmaker Q&A: Wolf Greenfield's Jason Honeyman

Be efficient with your time, and always be looking for ways to fit in rainmaking activities. It's critical to your career, so you really have to make time for it, says Jason Honeyman, shareholder at Wolf Greenfield & Sacks PC.

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