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Legal Reform News Daily

Chinese Court Accepts Suit Against ConocoPhillips

Wall Street Journal | Dec 30, 2011

A Chinese court accepted a lawsuit that claims that leaks from offshore oil production facilities operated by ConocoPhillips caused \$78 million in damages to local fishermen, according to state-run media.

Tags: [International](#)

Best-of-2011 lists and awards

Overlawyered.com | Dec 30, 2011

Listicles and award contests from around the blawgosphere.

Tags: [Class Action](#), [Lawsuit Abuse Impact](#)

Top 10 Most Ridiculous Lawsuits of 2011

WLTX.com | Dec 29, 2011

A lawsuit by a kidnapper against his victims for not helping him evade police tops the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform's (ILR) survey of the Top Ten Most Ridiculous Lawsuits of 2011, released today.

Tags: [Lawsuit Abuse Impact](#), [South Carolina](#)

NYC worker charged with faking fall outside clinic

Wall Street Journal | Dec 29, 2011

A former sanitation worker schemed to exploit workplace injury benefits and win a lawsuit by faking a fall on the threshold of a city-owned clinic while already on sick leave, the city Department of Investigation said Thursday.

Tags: [New York](#)

For N.F.L., Concussion Suits May Be Test for Sport Itself

New York Times | Dec 29, 2011

The long debate over the National Football League's handling of concussions is reaching the courts in a flurry of lawsuits, raising the possibility that dozens of former players will go before juries to outline the league's medical practices and describe long-term cognitive problems they say were caused by the sport.

Tags:

Unhappy Honda Owner Taking Case to Small Claims Court

New York Times | Dec 29, 2011

Heather Peters of Los Angeles is taking a novel approach to addressing her legal grievances against Honda for what she says are the fuel economy shortcomings of her Civic Hybrid. She says she is opting out of a proposed class-action lawsuit settlement and instead is suing the automaker for up to \$10,000 in small claims court.

Tags: [Class Action](#), [State Attorneys General](#)

GE Healthcare to Pay \$30 Million to Settle False Claims Act

New York Times | Dec 29, 2011

General Electric Co's healthcare equipment unit paid more than \$30 million to settle allegations that a company it bought in 2004 provided false information to overcharge Medicare for a drug used to diagnose heart disease, the Justice Department said.

Tags: [Government Contracts & Whistleblower Legislation](#)

U.S. Court Upholds Telecom Immunity for Surveillance

New York Times | Dec 29, 2011

A U.S. appeals panel on Thursday upheld the constitutionality of a federal law that grants immunity to

telecommunications companies that assist the U.S. government in conducting surveillance of American citizens.

Tags: **Class Action**

SEC Chided Again by Judge in Citigroup Fraud Case

New York Times | Dec 29, 2011

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission got a fresh dressing-down from the judge who rejected its \$285 million settlement with Citigroup Inc, as he said the regulator kept him out of the loop on its efforts to salvage the case.

Tags: **Financial Services, Securities Litigation**

Fresh Allegations Emerge in RICO Lawsuit Against Alcoa

WSJ Law Blog | Dec 29, 2011

Aluminum maker Alcoa allegedly paid \$5 million in bribes to the former chief executive of Bahrain's state-owned aluminum company and tens of millions of dollars in bribes to a former Bahrain official as part of scheme to land contracts at inflated prices, according to a new court filing in a long-running racketeering lawsuit.

Tags: **Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, International**

The top three cases that impacted Corporate America in 2011

Forbes | Dec 28, 2011

It's that time of the year for annual lists. So here's my list of the Top Three Cases that impacted Corporate America in 2011. It's no surprise that all three cases came from the nation's highest court whose conservative majority has handed several rulings favorable to the business community in recent years.

Tags: **Arbitration - ADR, Class Action**