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Rulemaking

CFPB finalizes rule to prohibit mandatory arbitration clauses

CFPB published a final rule regulating arbitration agreements in contracts for certain consumer financial product and services. The final rule prohibits providers from using mandatory arbitration clauses for certain financial products, which would expand the ability of consumers to participate in class action lawsuits.

Four agencies seek input on reducing regulatory burdens

<u>USDA</u>, <u>NOAA</u>, & the <u>State Department</u> each published a separate proposed rule or notice seeking input from the public on reducing regulatory burdens in compliance with Executive Orders 13771 and 13777. Coast Guard also <u>instructed</u> 8 advisory committees to identify regulatory actions for possible repeal and modification.

DHS delays rule to ease U.S. entry for start-up entrepreneurs

DHS published a final rule temporarily delaying the effective date of its January 2017 rule, which made entrepreneurs of start-up businesses eligible for temporary, 30-month admission to the U.S. DHS is delaying the rule while it solicits comments on whether to rescind it pursuant to Executive Order 13767. *Read our prior analysis <u>here</u>*.

DOL seeks information for fiduciary rule examination

DOL published a proposed rule seeking information from the public on DOL's examination of the 2016 fiduciary rule, which subjects those who provide investment advice for employee benefit plans to trust law standards of care and undivided loyalty. DOL is seeking comments on whether further implementation delays are necessary and how to tailor additional exemptions.

EPA proposes to delist electroplating sludge

- EPA Chlorpyrifos Imbroglio Demonstrates Confounding Journalistic Themes, William Yeatman
- EVENT: Regulatory Reform: Can the Logiam Be Broken?, Tuesday, July 25, 12:30 -1:30pm

Free State Foundation

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 Bolema, & Horney
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- A Snapshot of Missouri <u>Regulation in 2017</u>, Broughel, Sherouse, & Francis

Nature Biotechnology

 FDA is the wrong agency to regulate genetically engineered animals, Cohrssen & Miller

The Regulatory Review

 An Empirical Analysis of the Establishment of Independent Agencies, Corrigan & Revesz

Resources for the Future

- Comparing Policies to Reduce Methane Emissions in the Natural Gas Sector, Munnings & Krupnick
- EPA's Methane Rule: Should It Stay or Should It Go?, Krupnick & Huetteman

EPA published a proposed rule that would remove the sludge generated by electroplating processes from the lists of hazardous wastes. EPA is taking this action following a petition from Samsung.

ED rescinds ESSA rule following CRA disapproval

The Department of Education published a final rule removing its November 2016 rule regarding accountability and state plans under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). On March 27, the President signed a Congressional Review Act (CRA) joint resolution of disapproval overturning ED's 2016 rule.

In Opinion

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<u>Trump's Fiscal 2018 Budget Boosts Spending for Regulators:</u> Report, *Bloomberg BNA*

Picture Becoming Clearer on New Trump Regulatory Policy, Bloomberg BNA

<u>Trump's regulatory czar could have a major impact on how Americans</u> work and live in the future, *Fox News*

<u>Trump Tests Legal Limits by Delaying Dozens of Obama's</u> Rules, *Bloomberg Politics*

Trump's Government Regulation Rollbacks, WBUR

Sen. Cotton moves to rescind new CFPB arbitration rule, HousingWire

Voter fraud commission may have violated law, The Hill

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A new approach to financial regulation, The Economist

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- Update: Justice
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 Will "Kokesh v. SEC" Put a Kink in the Federal Trade Commission's Disgorgement Hose?, Royall & Cunningham

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- The Logical Outgrowth
 Doctrine and FDA's Intended
 Use Revisions, Patti Zettler

Energy & Environment

Renewable Energy Not a Threat to Grid, Draft of U.S. Study Finds, *Bloomberg*

Regulators step up inspections as cyberthreat grows, *E&E News* Court lets EPA put drilling pollution rule on hold, *The Hill*

Health & Safety

<u>Unapproved stem-cell treatments touted on federal database</u> ClinicalTrials.gov, study says, *Washington Post*

Business

Bitcoin, Pot Startups Embrace Regulations to Succeed, Fortune

Technology

Elon Musk: "There will not be a steering wheel" in 20 years, Axios Congress plans to step in to end confusion over self-driving

<u>Congress plans to step in to end confusion over self-driving cars, Washington Examiner</u>

Broadband companies make closing arguments against net neutrality, The Hill

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