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## Business



Foreign Investment  
Advisors May Provide  
Services in Brazil

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It is known that Brazil is interested in becoming a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and one of the steps for this is the adhesion to the OECD Codes of Liberalisation of Capital Movements and of Current Invisible Operations.

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Understanding the  
California Consumer  
Privacy Act

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California*

The recently enacted California Consumer Privacy Act ("CCPA" or the "Act") goes into effect on January 1, 2020 and with it comes enhanced consumer protections for California residents against businesses that collect their personal information.

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Planning for an Energy  
Company Merger or  
Acquisition

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As the oil and gas industry ramps up production, energy companies in Texas are discovering opportunities to merge with and acquire other organizations.

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## Taxation



What's The Big Deal About The Secure Act?

By: [Nathan Hannah](#)

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I have been getting questions about the SECURE Act. That's legislation recently adopted by Congress that changes certain rules governing the tax treatment of retirement accounts, including when you can put money into or take money out of such accounts.

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The New Secure Act

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The **Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (“SECURE”)** Act was enacted on December 20, 2019 and went into effect on January 1, 2020. Among other changes to laws pertaining to retirement accounts, the Act makes multiple changes to the minimum distribution rules for individual retirement accounts and other retirement assets, raises the age cap for contributing to retirement accounts, and severely limits the use of so-called “stretch-IRAs” by the beneficiaries after the owner’s death.

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## Bankruptcy



Discharging Student Loans in Bankruptcy

By: [Andrew McKenzie](#)

Student loans are treated differently than other unsecured debts in bankruptcy. A debtor seeking to discharge liability for a student loan must demonstrate “undue hardship.”

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## Labor & Employment



Emergency Family Medical Leave Expansion Act: Economic Protection for Employees During Covid-19 Crisis

By: [David Walston](#)

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On March 14, 2020, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. The bill goes to the Senate today and it is expected to pass with few, if any, changes.

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A Failed Argument for Sleeping on the Job

*[The Bennett Law Firm, P.A. - Portland, Maine](#)*

The Fifth Circuit recently affirmed summary judgment against an employee caught sleeping at his desk.

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## Real Estate

Do You Know About Your Verge and Driveway Laws?

By: [Murray Thornhill](#) & [Julia McCullagh](#)

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With regular media reports filled with stories of residents’ shock at driveway access and front verge issues at their property, HHG Legal Group has pulled together some answers to frequently asked questions which our property team lawyers are regularly asked about.



## Lemon Law

Making Lemonade Out of a Lemon - Recent Court Decision May Help Auto Buyers Recover Under the Massachusetts "Lemon Law"

By: [Mark Rumson](#)

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The Massachusetts "Lemon Law," G.L.c. 90, Section 7N ½, obligates an auto manufacturer or dealer to repair any "nonconformity" to express or implied warranties – in other words, any defect that substantially impairs a vehicle's use, market value or safety – that arises within one year or 15,000 miles of the purchase of a new vehicle.

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