

## The Westlaw Column

### MCC Interactive – Digging Deeper With Westlaw

Inside this issue of *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*, you'll find several pages devoted to compliance readiness, health care law and technology. You'll get an in-depth look at how these topics, as well as others, impact the constantly changing, always challenging role of corporate counsel.

Craig Miller, vice president and general manager, Corporate Sales and Account Management, Thomson West, invites Westlaw subscribers to dig deeper into these issues through direct links to the databases noted below from *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel's* Web site, [www.metrocorpcounsel.com](http://www.metrocorpcounsel.com).



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Readers of this month's cover feature (page 1) and Part I of the Special Report on Compliance Readiness (beginning on page 23) will find Publicly Traded Corporations: Governance & Regulations, one Westlaw database, particularly useful. It provides guidance on representing directors, officers and shareholders in communication, acquisition and takeover, and transaction issues.

Westlaw also offers many resources that relate to the compliance readiness articles on the new amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure relating to e-discovery (pages 25, 27, 30, 35, 37, 40, 41 and 43). Several databases address significant issues in e-discovery. The complete contents of the treatise *eDiscovery and Digital Evidence* are fully searchable on Westlaw. This mammoth guide includes the most current information on preservation and retention policies. Full-text articles from the book *E-Discovery and Law Strategy* are also available. Written by lawyers for lawyers, the publication covers the latest cases, precedents and rulings in e-discovery law.

The articles on pages 9, 10, and 14 examine issues affecting healthcare and life sciences organizations. Readers may refer to various resources on Westlaw for the most current developments in healthcare law. The *Journal of Health Care Law & Policy* database serves as a forum for interdisciplinary discussions about leading issues in healthcare law and policy. Contributors include physicians, legal scholars, health law practitioners and leaders in health policy, as well as experts in philosophy, public health, sociology and other disciplines that consider issues related to health care.

A summary of recent developments in pharmaceutical policies and regulations in China can be found on pages 12 and 13. For additional information on the policies and regulations in China and other countries affecting the pharmaceutical industry, Westlaw users can search the *Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Industry News* database. It covers the international pharmaceutical, medical device, veterinary, health care and agrochemical industries.

The United States Supreme Court patent case *Microsoft Corp. v. AT&T Corp.* relates to the ability of a company to combine technology patented in the U.S. with its own technology in computers manufactured and sold abroad. An article on page 19 touches on the possible ramifications of the case. One Westlaw resource that pertains to the article is *Corporate Counsel's Licensing Letter*. The newsletter provides copies of illustrative licensing agreements covering software licenses of all types. Another useful database is *Representing High Tech Companies*. The complete text, fully searchable on Westlaw, covers everything from financing and documenting joint ventures and early-stage strategic partnerships, to minimizing litigation risk for public technology companies.

The nanotechnology industry, which deals with the control of matter on a small scale, is facing large growth. The article on page 8 explores the regulation of the industry in Europe. *Nanotechnology Law and Business* is the first authoritative source of information entirely devoted to the legal, business and policy aspects of nanotechnology. The database gives Westlaw users access to full-text articles.

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