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The Most-Read Securities Law360 Guest Articles Of 2021

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A number of new issues in the securities landscape piqued Law360 reader interest this year, including shifting regulatory priorities under the Biden administration; the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's case challenging the status of Ripple Labs' XRP token; new issues facing special-purpose acquisition companies; and how the growing nonfungible token space will interact with existing law.

May 5

SEC Should Drop Litigation Over Ripple's XRP Token



The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission should settle or withdraw its allegations that Ripple Labs' XRP is an unregistered security, and focus on creating new rules for securities registration that account for the unique dynamics of digital assets, says J.W. Verret at George Mason University.

Jan. 3

Securities Litigation Trends That Will Matter Most In 2021



As the pandemic rages on, 2021 promises more COVID-19-related securities litigation, as well as significant developments in the law related to federal forum provisions; environmental, social and governance-based derivative lawsuits; disclosure standards; and the presumption of reliance in class certification, say attorneys at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.

Aug. 2

Ripple's Discovery Wins Over SEC Offer Defense Strategies

Kevin O'Brien at Ford O'Brien LLP explains why Ripple Labs' recent success in gaining access to U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission files and testimony may be a watershed moment in SEC enforcement actions, suggesting that the best defense in such cases may be an aggressive offense.



June 21

Goldman Ruling Is A Boon For Class Action Defendants



In a broad win for class action defendants, the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling Monday in Goldman Sachs v. Arkansas Teacher Retirement System could serve as a mandate to courts to consider all relevant evidence at the class certification stage, even if the same evidence is also relevant to a merits question, say attorneys at Skadden Arps Slate Meagher &

Flom LLP.

Aug. 10

How SPACs Are Evolving, And What To Expect Next



Attorneys at Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP analyze recent developments and new challenges facing special-purpose acquisition companies, and offer predictions about creative adaptations that SPAC transactions may undergo in the future.

Feb. 18

The Best Ways To Respond To Enforcement From SEC, CFTC



Steven Peikin and James McDonald at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP draw on their experience leading the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and Commodity Futures Trading Commission Enforcement Divisions to share strategies for responding to enforcement investigations amid expectations the Biden administration will increase regulatory scrutiny.

March 22

How Nonfungible Tokens Could Disrupt The Legal Landscape



Questions are now emerging as to how the new technology known as nonfungible tokens — which can represent ownership of a digital asset or authenticate real-world collectibles — will interact with existing law, particularly with respect to patents, ownership rights, copyright and securities, say Ali Dhanani and Chris Sabbagh at Baker Botts LLP.

Feb. 1

5 Biden-Era Corporate Compliance Considerations



Attorneys at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP analyze the priorities, trends and developments that will affect white collar and regulatory enforcement during the Biden administration, as well as key compliance considerations for boards of directors, financial institutions and companies.

Jan. 6

How Dems Could Alter SEC's Enforcement Approach



The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's enforcement priorities may shift under Democratic leadership, which could result in changes in resource allocation, case mix, remedies and procedure, says former SEC Division of Enforcement Co-Director Steven Peikin at Sullivan & Cromwell.

Jan. 19

Arizona May Have Nudged US Law Firms Toward Future IPOs



No U.S. law firm has its shares listed on a public stock exchange unlike some lucrative overseas counterparts, but by allowing nonattorneys to become stakeholders in law firms, Arizona may have paved the way for this to change should other U.S. states — particularly New York — follow suit, says Marc Lieberman at Kutak Rock.

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