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Weekend Wrap-Up of News

Department of Labor issues Final Rule on independent contractor status



The Final Rule published in the Federal Register yesterday offers clearer guidance for newspapers on independent contractor classification under the FLSA — a topic that all newspaper publishers and HR managers need to be well versed on.

Newspapers need to be well versed on this rule scheduled to become effective March 8

The Final Rule published Thursday, Jan. 7, in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Labor with regard to "Employee or Independent Contractor Classification" uses an "economic reality" test to determine a worker's status. It is currently scheduled to become effective March 8, 2021.

The Final Rule considers whether a worker is in business for himself or herself (independent contractor) or is instead economically dependent on an employer for work (employee).

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Newspapers speak out against scenes of violence in the nation's Capitol



Pro-Trump rioters broke Associated Press television equipment on Wednesday outside the Capitol. (Photo: Jose Luis Magana / The Associated Press)

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Editorial: Trump's violent mob

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What happened in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday was anarchy. It was sedition. It was as close to a coup d'etat as we have ever seen in this nation. Make no mistake. President Donald Trump was responsible.

'Enough is Enough' (A Publisher's Opinion)

Mike Blinder, E&P Magazine

Today, I am urging the entire media industry to join in with Mr. Biden and Mr. Graham by saying, "Enough is enough." Because those three words should not just be directed at our president, but include the megaphones we give all newsmakers.

Covering Pro-Trump Mobs: The Media Became a Target

The New York Times

"Murder the media" was scratched into a door of the Capitol. Violent protesters smashed equipment and punched a photographer.

Our View: A National Embarrassment

Leader-Telegram, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

There can be no sympathy given to those who took it upon themselves to smash through barricades and run riot through the halls of the Capitol. Those who did so must be punished to the full extent of the law.

We See Where Cynicism Leads; Let's Show Instead the True Face of America

Daily Herald, Chicago, Illinois

If there is anything to be remembered from Wednesday's ghastly display in Washington — and it is something inspiring, indeed — it is that the Congress that this field of miscreants sought to disrupt regrouped on the very day of the disruption and got back to its business.

Help USA TODAY Identify Rioters Who Stormed the US Capitol

USA TODAY

USA TODAY is working to identify those who stormed into the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday as lawmakers met to count electoral votes in the presidential race.

Invoke the 25th Amendment: Donald Trump Forfeited his Moral Authority to Stay in

[Office](#)
USA TODAY

By egging on a deadly insurrection and hailing the rioters, the president's continuance in office poses unacceptable risks to America.

[Opinion: A Trump Mob Stormed the Capitol. Now What, America?](#)

Los Angeles Times

What we have seen over the past day has not been some benignly excessive display of the passion of politics. It was an attack orchestrated by the president on us as a people, as an electorate and as a nation. It was an attack on our history. It was an attack on our democracy.

[Opinion: Sedition is a White Man's Luxury](#)

Houston Chronicle

The rioting and violence at the Capitol on Wednesday only further proves that the country is divided, and that there are two different Americas we are living in. Rioters violently stormed the Capitol, and police did absolutely nothing to stop it ... If the roles were reversed, and Black Lives Matter protestors even attempted to do something of the magnitude that occurred at the Capitol on Wednesday, it would be a massacre. You can't witness what happened Wednesday and not see that white privilege is real.

[Opinion/Editorial: Rebellion in our Capitol](#)

The Daily Progress, Charlottesville, Virginia

There is no way to avoid the obvious. Donald Trump has incited this violence. Even a so-called stand-down statement by the president was nothing but a veiled effort to continue stoking disaffection. We condemn this. It is wrong. It is unpatriotic. It is unlawful. This is rebellion.

[Colorado Democrats Should Nudge Congress to the Center](#)

The Denver Gazette

Georgia voters ratified the Democratic Party's embrace of socialism Tuesday by electing two of the farthest-left American politicians to receive the nomination of a mainstream party. When this happens in a traditionally red state in the deep South, consider socialism a mainstream movement. We hope Colorado's Democrats will put a stop to it.

Industry appointment



McClatchy names executive editor of The Sacramento Bee and regional editor for California papers

In her new role, Colleen McCain Nelson will lead McClatchy's newsroom in Sacramento and oversee all California newsrooms, including The Fresno Bee, The Modesto Bee, The Tribune in San Luis Obispo and the Merced Sun-Star. McCain Nelson was previously McClatchy opinion editor and editorial page editor for The Kansas City Star.

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Ray Rivera named executive editor for The Oklahoman

Ray Rivera is leaving his position as managing editor for The Seattle Times to move to Oklahoma City to become executive editor of The Oklahoman. He also will serve as regional editor for the USA TODAY Network's Sunbelt region, which includes Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico..

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Industry news

Tampa Bay Times will move printing to Gannett plant in Lakeland

Times Publishing will eliminate 150 jobs and sell its St. Petersburg production center. Most remaining employees will see temporary pay cuts of 10 percent for up to six months.

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courier journal

The Courier Journal will be printed remotely with the closing of its downtown presses

Production operations, including printing of the 151-year-old newspaper, will be split between facilities in Indianapolis and Knoxville, Tennessee.

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Jan. 31 is deadline for Collier Prize entries

The Jan. 31 deadline for the \$25,000 Collier Prize for State Government Accountability is fast approaching! The prize will honor the best in statehouse reporting during 2020.

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