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1. Baseball Law

In a pitcher's first major league game, he immediately allowed four runs, was removed from the field, and cut from the team, never to return to the MLB. When he later learned the opposing team had been stealing his catcher's signals, he sued the cheaters for the loss of his career. The case is pending.

2. Parent Child

A father financially supporting an adult son has no duty to the son's girlfriend who overdosed on drugs purchased with funds supplied by father to son.

3. Buy Sell

An owners' agreement should always be considered when starting a new enterprise involving more than one owner. So-called "Buy-Sell" agreements establish agreed rights and obligations which must be followed upon future retirement, death, disability, divorce, or even termination of an owner. Most small companies do not create such agreements, but countless disputes can be avoided with a little foresight.

4. Railroads

After a teenager was struck and killed by a train her family sued the railroad for premises liability, but lost, because the railroad had long ago sold the track to Metrolink and had no duty to fix a dangerous condition on property it neither owned nor controlled.

5. Eviction

An evicted family promised to pay a certain amount if it failed to vacate by a certain time. When they missed the deadline by a few hours, the landlord sued, but lost, because the amount bore no reasonable relationship to anticipated damages.

6. Wage Law

An employer who requires workers to be searched upon leaving a workplace must compensate them for the inspection time.

7. Police Violence

Officers have qualified immunity from using deadly force only if they had an objectively reasonable basis for fearing for the safety of themselves or others.

8. Insurance

Insurers may now appeal default judgments against policy holders who failed to appear in small claims court.

9. Current Cases

This month our office is advising a trust administrator and financial estate plan, rendering a corporate due diligence opinion, prosecuting a personal injury claim, and advocating for policyholders against insurers.

This practice serves as a "lawyer of first resort", or "primary care attorney," advocating for small businesses and individuals with transactions and disputes, including accident victims by referral only. We specialize in personalized client service. If we can be of any assistance with your legal issues, consider contacting us as soon as a question is identified. Your recent referrals have been greatly appreciated.

Remember: Preventative lawyering is the most effective kind.

Sincerely,

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