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## 1. Popcorn Law

A consumer sued a popcorn company for failing to disclose that the product contained artificial fat. She lost because she could not plausibly allege that she suffered economic or physical injury.

### 2. Email Law

The Stored Communications Act allows a wife to sue her husband for his unauthorized access to her work emails.

#### 3. Hockey Law

A player violently collided with another causing serious injuries. The defendant claimed that "checking" is an inherent part of hockey and the victim assumed such risks. However, the victim was entitled to a trial to determine if the collision exceeded the normal risks of hockey.

### 4. Settlement Offers

A litigant submitting a formal pre-trial offer to compromise is entitled to recover its post-offer legal expenses if it obtains a better result at trial.

#### 5. Native Americans

Tribes are generally immune from litigation absent a specific agreement, especially when citizens assert a claim to public beach access through tribal land.

### 6. Mediation

A party could not benefit from a mediated settlement because it had not filed papers or appeared at the proceeding in probate court.

## 7. Contempt

An attorney was guilty of criminal contempt of court for falsely accusing a judge of political corruption.

## 8. Sexual Harassment

A giant technology company paid \$310 million because its executives concealed a pattern of sexual harassment and discrimination committed by its male employees.

# 9. <u>Current Cases</u>

This month our office is continuing to represent estate administrators settling the affairs of decedents' companies and a stockholder buying out a co-shareholder of a small company; dissolving a private corporation; establishing a new limited liability real estate company; and defending a Superior Court lawsuit against a real estate corporation.

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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