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1. Football Law

After the NFL allowed the Oakland Raiders to relocate to Nevada, Oakland sued for damages claiming the NFL violated antitrust laws by limiting the number of teams and requiring cities to pay exorbitant amounts to maintain facilities and retain franchises. The City lost; the team plays in Las Vegas.

2. Settlements

An accident victim settled his injury claim through correspondence between his lawyer and an insurance company. When the money and settlement forms were submitted to the victim, he refused to sign because the release did not say exactly what he expected. He lost because the terminology was close enough to the agreed settlement.

3. Stairways

After a person fell down stairs, she sued the property owner for premises liability even though she could not remember how she had fallen. The owner asked for a pre-trial judgment, but lost, because the victim might yet find circumstantial evidence (such as the lack of handrails) to create a probable inference that the area was not safe.

4. Tobacco Law

A county's ban on the sale of flavored tobacco is not preempted by a federal law which preserves the right of local governments to enact stricter regulations.

Gun Liability

A "work from home" couple invited co-workers to their house for a business meeting during which their mentally ill son fired a handgun at the group, injuring several. The victims sued the Sieff Newsletter May 2022 Page 2

employer, but lost, because companies have no duty to ensure the safety of workers from criminals at a private residence.

6. Joggers

A jogger's path was blocked by a homeless encampment, so she ran around it and was struck by a car and injured. She sued the property owner for failing to remove the encampment, but lost, because the owner owed no duty to a person entering the property for recreational purposes and the encampment was an "open and obvious danger" the runner should have "reasonably" avoided.

7. Current Cases

This month our office is representing the seller of a retail business; defending multiple Superior Court lawsuits; reorganizing an interstate law practice; advising companies on complying with statutory regulations; and representing other commercial and individual clients.

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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