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1. Dirt Bikes

A woman followed her fiancé up a sand dune because he promised her that there was an easy trail, but she hit a rock and was paralyzed. Her suit against her fiancé was dismissed since she had assumed the inherent risk of off-road dirt biking and her fiancé's promise was irrelevant.

2. Partnerships

Although limited partnership interests cannot be transferred unless agreeable to other partners, a partner can unilaterally agree with a third party to transfer partnership distributions or information.

3. Raped Housekeeper

After a drunken trespasser harassed two hotel maids who informed management, the trespasser was not removed and eventually assaulted another worker who sued the hotel for failure to prevent the attack. Although generally a worker is limited to Workers' Compensation benefits for injuries, here the hotel knew of and should have removed the trespasser.

4. Foreign Judgments

An American tulip seller was sued by a Dutch supplier which obtained a judgment from the Netherlands Supreme Court and then sued in Washington State to enforce it. Although American courts need not recognize such judgments if the applicable foreign law is "not compatible" with American due process, the applicable Dutch rules were fundamentally fair and the judgment was enforceable here.

5. Petition Solicitors

Grocery stores sued signature collectors for harassing customers and sought court orders to prohibit the conduct. Although some spaces adjacent to business entryways can be

deemed public forums for expressive activity, here, the entry-way adjacent space was needed to allow safe access and solicitors could be prohibited.

#### 6. Native Americans

Tribes can define their own membership and have full sovereignty to decide whether tribal officials have acted properly or not. When tribe members sued other members for defamation, claiming that "tribal sovereign immunity" did not apply, they lost, because California law was preempted by tribal law.

#### 7. Current Cases

We are continuing to advise clients on the legal consequences and rights regarding an assortment of daily operating issues such as personnel, real estate leasing, contracts, and regulatory matters.

This office serves as a "lawyer of first resort" advocating for small businesses and individuals with disputes and transactions, 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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