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1. Lost Pants

A dry cleaner promised a judge "same day service", but his pants were not ready on time and he sued for \$67 million. The judicial disciplinary committee is recommending he be suspended for 90 days for the frivolous "suit".

2. Gun Law

A court ruled that the Constitution protects the right to openly carry a gun for self-defense outside of the home.

3. Sanctuary City

A presidential order withholding congressional funds to punish a city for its immigration policy is unconstitutional.

4. Cell Phone Law

A search warrant is required before a phone company can be compelled to disclose a customer's "location points" gathered by cell tower software.

5. Fired Worker

An "at will" employee can still sue for wrongful termination if he was fraudulently induced to take the job.

6. Time Clocks

An employer who deploys mathematical rounding to the nearest five minutes or quarter hour cannot be sued for imprecision so long as the system is neutral.

7. Accountings

An objecting trust beneficiary who repeatedly made broad demands for inconsequential details and "quibbled" in bad faith over a fiduciary's accountings is entitled to no further

information and must pay the legal bill of the fiduciary. Another judge properly reduced (by half) the fees requested by a conservator because of material errors in the accountings.

8. Yoga Law

An injured student sued her teacher for carelessly adjusting her posture, but lost when a qualified expert provided an uncontradicted opinion that the instructor acted within the "standard of care" of yoga practice.

9. Current Cases

This month we are, among other things, prosecuting breach of contract and personal injury claims; defending a construction company and a property manager; and advising clients regarding personnel disputes, real estate, contracts, and regulatory matters.

This office serves as a "lawyer of first resort" counseling and 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.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!

Sincerely,

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