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1. Realtor Malpractice

Expert testimony is not required where malpractice is obvious to a layman because a broker never disclosed crucial property information.

2. Oral Contracts

These will be enforced if "sufficiently definite" to ascertain the intent and obligations of parties.

3. Borrower's Living Trust

A trustee-beneficiary signed loan documents without specifying his title, but the mortgage on the trust property was still enforceable.

4. School Property

The district was not liable for an injury sustained at a carnival it authorized to use its property for an event.

5. Drunken Frat Party

A university and national fraternity were not liable for injuries at a local chapter premises they did not control.

6. Rent Control

Without a specific law, trailer park owner is allowed to raise rent pursuant to its leases with tenants.

7. Paycheck Information

Printing its registered fictitious business name (dba) instead of its corporate name did not violate the Labor Code.

8. Plane Assault

An airline passenger was arrested for assaulting another during a cross-country flight, but was not guilty under federal law because the offense did not implicate interstate commerce.

9. Employment

An at-will employee who continues to work after her boss changed the terms of her job has accepted the changes and cannot sue for workplace discrimination.

10. Current Cases

This month, among other assignments, we successfully implemented a "short sale" for an "underwater" property owner, organized three new legal entities, continued the defense of multiple lawsuits, the prosecution of a personal injury claim, and the representation of a material witness in a civil action.

This practice 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.

Sincerely,

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