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### 1. Urinating Assailant

After being told by musicians that urinating on a shopping center sidewalk was "not cool", a man punched one of the musicians who sued the shopping center for failing to provide a reasonably safe premises. The victim lost because there had been no record of previous assaults.

### 2. Terrorism

A TV producer in Israel incurred substantial expenses to relocate its facility after Hamas fired rockets into the area. The producer's insurer refused to reimburse due to the policy exclusion of "acts of war". The producer won because "war" refers to hostilities of governments, and this terrorist was not a government.

### 3. Mattress Law

A mattress flew off a truck and caused another freeway driver to crash. Although the truck owner claimed he was excused from the lawsuit for carelessness because his driver had told him there was no mattress in the truck, he lost because he could have avoided danger by checking the truck himself.

### 4. Genital Talc

A manufacturer's failure to warn buyers its baby powder could cause cancer was negligent, and a \$70 million judgment was upheld.

### 5. Wrongful Death

Parents of a child carelessly killed can sue for wrongful death, and the depth of affection and personal closeness of the family unit is relevant in assessing damages.

6. Fake Lawyers

Non-lawyers paid real ones to use their names fraudulently to represent and defend an insurer's policyholders. The insurer sued on behalf of the state for insurance fraud for hundreds of unauthorized claims and won over \$7 million because fraudulently masquerading as lawyers constitutes insurance fraud.

7. Rent A Car

An injured passenger sued a car rental company for placing a defective vehicle "into the stream of commerce". During many years of litigation, the company was reorganized and partially bankrupted, but the purchasers of its assets were liable for the damages.

8. Current Cases

This month our office is defending claims for loan fraud and breach of contract; implementing a successful settlement of an assault claim; prosecuting a personal injury claim; and advising and consulting for an elder abuse case, an estate plan, and the sale of two businesses and a building.

This practice serves as a "lawyer of first resort", or "primary care attorney," 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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