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1. Parking Lots

A grocery store does not violate disability access laws when it provides a path of access behind a row of parking spaces.

2. Neighbors

An implied pedestrian easement is not extinguished because the neighbor updated a blocking gate and paid delinquent real estate taxes on the path.

3. DMV Immunity

Even if the agency was careless in reinstating the driver's license of a 93-year-old who later caused a traffic accident, the DMV is immune from liability from the injured victim.

4. Contracts

A car wash required workers to agree to arbitrate future disputes, but since the English and Spanish versions of the waiver were inconsistent, the agreement was unenforceable. Since the company drafted the document, it is responsible for it being accurate.

5. Birth Injuries

For a baby whose mother was exposed to toxic chemicals, the statute of limitations to sue for the prenatal injury does not begin to run until the child becomes an adult.

6. Union Dues

The First Amendment prevents forcing workers to support a union contrary to their personal beliefs, and collecting any mandatory fees is prohibited.

7. Internet Immunity

Even after obtaining a money judgment for defamation of character against a person who posted a dishonest customer review, the defamed party cannot compel the review website to remove the dishonest post.

8. Copyright

A company which removes copyright notices from photographs it imbeds in its marketed software is not liable to the photographers unless it should have known it was inducing or enabling infringement.

9. Current Cases

This month we are, among other things, prosecuting breach of contract and personal injury claims; settling an aerospace contract claim; defending a property manager from an embezzlement claim; 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.

Sincerely,

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