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1. Football Law

Former NFL players are suing the league for injuries sustained since the 1970s from being compelled to take narcotics and return to games prematurely. The players are entitled to a trial because the league "voluntarily undertook" to protect players.

2. Covid

Although insurance companies are initially denying most claims attributed to the epidemic, all insurers must comprehensively investigate every claim to find any element of coverage. Ignoring supporting evidence of coverage constitutes bad faith.

3. Gig Jobs

In advance of the election proposing to exempt drivers from strict new definitions of "employee", a recent statute exempts many occupations including underwriters, appraisers, home inspectors, freelance writers, editors, photographers, musicians, vocalists, composers, songwriters, and production professionals who collaborate on projects or work single events

4. Music Law

Despite recent judgments against celebrity musicians for stealing song components from lesser known artists, new cases are requiring higher levels of proof to establish a copyright violation.

5. State Immunity

An audited taxpayer sued the California Tax Board in Nevada state court over mishandling an audit, but the Supreme Court ruled that California could not be sued in Nevada.

6. Health Insurance

A new statute creates a more pro-consumer definition of insurability for mental health care and substance abuse.

7. Insurance Agents

They owe special duties to policyholders when they self-describe as "specialists" for a particular coverage.

8. Coffee

After years of litigation against the industry, a court rules that coffee does not pose a significant cancer risk.

9. Current Cases

This month our office is representing a commercial real estate owner, advising a trust estate, counseling a few start-up companies, defending a tenant from eviction, and prosecuting selected personal injury claims.

This practice serves as a "lawyer of first resort", or "primary care attorney," advocating for small businesses and individuals with transactions and disputes, 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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