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1. Nazis

Hitler seized from Jewish residents valuable art still held by the German government. The Supreme Court ruled this to be an act of genocide, but not a breach of international law which does not cover seizures of property from a County's own nationals.

2. Corporate Veil

After a judgment was entered against one of several corporations owned by the same man, he and the related entities were added to (and liable for) the judgment because they had all disregarded corporate formalities and were ruled to be a single entity. The companies had identical ownership and officers, been seriously undercapitalized, and commingled funds. The Court "pierced the corporate veil".

3. Employee Accommodation

Shortly after a school installed a Wi-Fi system, a teacher reported her headaches and nausea were caused by the "electromagnetic frequency" of the system. When the school did not accommodate her hypersensitivity, she sued and won the right to a trial.

4. Construction Liability

A flagger hired by a road contractor to control traffic around an active project negligently stopped traffic causing a rear end collision. The injured party sued the contractor and won because there was a duty to protect travelers.

5. Unprotected Speech

Regularly and profanely attending community meetings and threatening a City worker constitutes a credible threat of violence which justified the court banning him from approaching the employee or appearing at future meetings.

6. Municipal Liability

A bicycle rider struck by a truck at an intersection sued the City for failure to warn of a dangerous condition and is entitled to a trial.

7. Father Abuse

An adult child of a gravely ill parent induced him to change his estate plan to transfer property to him and disfavor a sibling. The court ruled this to be financial elder abuse and awarded "double damages" per statute.

8. Current Cases

This month our office is representing sellers of professional practices, assisting an estate administrator and a private company in dissolving their corporations, defending lawsuits against a building contractor and a real estate partnership, and representing a Successor Trustee in administering a trust.

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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