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1. Massage Law

A massage parlor claimed it had been unconstitutionally searched and evidence of illegal prostitution was unlawfully obtained. However, local laws allow certain businesses to be searched periodically to verify compliance with governmental regulations and the search was therefore proper.

2. Water Parks

Washington's governor was authorized to declare a state of emergency due to the pandemic and prohibit the operation of a water park.

3. Gun Safety

The removal of an oxygen tank from a closet by a home healthcare worker allowed an unseen loaded rifle to fall and shoot a co-worker who sued the patient-homeowner, and won, because the patient had breached his duty to exercise reasonable care by unsafely storing the firearm.

4. Forgery

Title to real estate derived through forged documentation is completely invalid whether recorded or not.

5. Settlement Offer

Where a litigant whose submitted statutory offer to settle is declined, and later receives a better result, it ordinarily receives reimbursement for expenses incurred after the offer, but only if the offer strictly complied with the statute.

6. Police Non-liability

Detectives have qualified immunity from liability when sued for police abuse despite denying a suspect's request for an attorney because the denial did not "shock the conscience".

7. Privacy

A homeowner sued her celebrity neighbor claiming the celebrity's "Nest" security system recorded and distributed to the press private images and conversations of the homeowner. The celebrity won because any captured information was insubstantial compared to the need for a surveillance system.

8. Usury

A default judgment was reversed because it included interest exceeding the maximum allowable rate of 10%.

9. Current Cases

This month our office is implementing a company reorganization; defending a Superior Court lawsuit against a real estate corporation; prosecuting a property owner's claim against a real estate broker; and representing other commercial and individual clients.

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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