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1. Courtroom Rudeness

A winning litigant was entitled to attorney's fees, but the judge slashed its request by 60% due to its lawyer's courtroom incivility, deception, unprofessional conduct, belittling tone of voice, and antagonistic attitude.

2. Gambling

A Chinese casino sued a reneging California gambler, but lost, because gambling debts are uncollectible according to the state's public policy which is based on the common law of England.

3. Non-Biological Offspring

A non-biological "child's" right to inherit is protected if the child was received by the "parent" into their home and was openly held out as their "natural" offspring.

4. Sex Tape

A coed sued her classmate nine months after he recorded a one-second video of his own face while having sex with her. He was suspended, initially for a year but reduced to a few months. The coed requested \$142,000 in attorney's fees, but a retrial is needed to consider if the ruling confers a significant "public benefit".

5. Trustees

A trustee granted "sole discretion" to distribute property in cash or in kind is allowed to conduct an immediate asset sale despite objections of a museum-beneficiary.

6. Golf Discrimination

A handicapped golfer sued a course for prohibiting players from driving carts in certain areas. The golfer lost because the cart restriction was a reasonable safety rule.

7. Expert Witnesses

In a case for injuries caused by exposure to unseen apartment mold, a medical expert's opinion is admissible unless he is so fundamentally unqualified as to offer no assistance to the jury.

8. Premises Liability

A pedestrian crossed a driveway in the rain despite a strong current flowing along the surface which knocked her down. She sued the property owner for failing to post a warning, but lost, because the water was an "open and obvious" danger and a reasonably careful person would have avoided it.

9. Current Cases

This month our office is retained to: represent a commercial landowner in clearing its title; oversee the sale of estate property; assist foreign interests acquire an American corporation; liquidate a law firm; defend a suit for indemnification; finalize a wrongful death claim; and work for other commercial and private 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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