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NEW FILINGS DIGEST - CUMULATIVE UPDATE

This report lists, by title and subject matter, pending appeals previously published as "Court of Appeals New Filings."

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ABDUR-RASHID, MATTER OF v NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, et al. (AND ANOTHER PROCEEDING):

PROCEEDING AGAINST BODY OR OFFICER - MANDAMUS - CPLR ARTICLE 8 PROCEEDINGS TO COMPEL RESPONDENTS NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYPD) AND NYPD COMMISSIONER KELLY TO DISCLOSE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BY PETITIONERS PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL) (PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW § 84 ET SEQ.) - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT THE NYPD MAY INVOKE THE FEDERAL GLOMAR DOCTRINE (PERMITTING AGENCIES TO NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THE EXISTENCE OF RECORDS SOUGHT) WHEN RESPONDING TO A FOIL REQUEST - FOIL ACTIVITIES AND INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING PETITIONERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS;

JEROME A., PEOPLE &c. ex rel. v PONTE &c. et al.:

Habeas Corpus--Whether the state failed to meet its probable cause burden in Mental Hygiene Law article 10 civil commitment proceeding, thereby rendering petitioner's pretrial detention unconstitutional; Sex Offender Management and Treatment Act;

ALEJNIKOV (SERGEY), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Verdict--Sufficiency of Evidence--Whether legally sufficient evidence supports defendant's conviction of unlawful use of secret scientific material, in violation of Penal Law § 165.07, where defendant made a digital copy of his employer's proprietary computer source code by uploading the code to a server and copying it to his own personal computing devices;

ALLIANCE TO END CHICKENS AS KAPOROS, et al v NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, et al.:

Proceeding against Body or Officer--Mandamus--Whether plaintiffs have a right, via a writ of mandamus, to compel the municipal defendants to enforce certain laws related to preserving public health and preventing animal cruelty, which they allege are violated by Orthodox Jews who perform the religious practice of Kaporos--chickens killed in religious ritual; discretionary versus mandatory actions of municipal agents; animals;

ALTMAN v 285 WEST FOURTH LLC:

Landlord and Tenant--Rent Regulation--Whether the Appellate Division erred in concluding that defendant's entitlement to a vacancy increase following the departure of the prior tenant of record did not effectuate a deregulation of the apartment under Rent Stabilization Law § 26-504.2;

AMELIO, MATTER OF v HOFFMAN, et al.:

Proceeding against Body or Officer--Mandamus--Prohibition--CPLR article 78 proceeding against judge and spouse with regard to underlying divorce action;

AMERICAN ECONOMY INSURANCE COMPANY v STATE OF NEW YORK, et al.:

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - SPECIAL FUNDS - WHETHER WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW § 25-a(1-a) IMPOSES RETROACTIVE LIABILITY IN VIOLATION OF THE CONTRACT CLAUSE OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND THE TAKINGS CLAUSE OF THE U.S. AND NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTIONS;

ANDINO, MATTER OF v MILLS, et al.:

Damages--Collateral source of payment--CPLR 4545--whether the Appellate Division correctly held that, under Oden v Chemung County Indus. Dev. Agency (87 NY2d 81 [1995]), the jury's award for future loss of pension benefits should have been offset by the total amount that plaintiff was projected to receive under her accidental disability pension;

ANDUJAR (JOHN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT - WHETHER VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW § 397 APPLIES ONLY TO A POLICE SCANNER OR RADIO RECEIVING SET THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR APPLIES TO SUCH A DEVICE CARRIED IN THE DRIVER'S CLOTHING WHILE DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE - DEFINITION OF "EQUIP" AS WORD IS USED IN STATUTE;

ANONYMOUS &c., MATTER OF v MOLIK, et al.:

Proceeding Against Body or Officer--Certiorari--CPLR article 78 proceeding to review respondent's determination denying petitioner intermediate health care facility to amend and seal the New York State Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs' substantiated allegation of neglect against petitioner made pursuant to Social Services Law § 493--whether Social Services Law § 493 authorizes the Justice Center to substantiate a finding of neglect against a facility where the Justice Center determines that systemic conditions at the facility gave rise to an incident of neglect but the employees identified as the subjects of the initial report alleging neglect bear no individual responsibility for the incident; whether the Appellate Division erred in granting petitioner anonymity and so amending the caption of the proceeding;

APONTE, MATTER OF v OLATOYE, &c., et al.:

PUBLIC HOUSING - DENIAL OF REMAINING FAMILY MEMBER STATUS - WHETHER DETERMINATION DENYING PETITIONER SUCCESSION RIGHTS TO HIS MOTHER'S APARTMENT WAS ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS WHERE AGENCY DID NOT CONSIDER MOTHER'S DISABILITY IN REACHING ITS DETERMINATION;

ARJUNE (MARIO), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - APPEAL - DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF ERROR CORAM NOBIS SEEKING TO REINSTATE AN APPEAL ON THE GROUND OF INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF TRIAL COUNSEL, WHERE THE NOTICE OF APPEAL WAS TIMELY FILED BUT THE APPEAL WAS DISMISSED FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFECT - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT DEFENDANT "HAS NOT ESTABLISHED HIS ENTITLEMENT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED (see PEOPLE v SYVILLE, 15 NY3d 391)";

AUSTIN (PETER), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - INSTRUCTIONS - ADVERSE INFERENCE CHARGE BASED ON LOSS OF BLOOD EVIDENCE AS A RESULT OF A NATURAL CATASTROPHE - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ABUSED ITS DISCRETION IN DECLINING DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR A PERMISSIVE ADVERSE INFERENCE CHARGE BASED ON THE UNAVAILABILITY OF BLOOD EVIDENCE AND PROHIBITING DEFENSE COUNSEL FROM COMMENTING ON THE LOST EVIDENCE IN SUMMATION;

BAILEY (PRINCESAM), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Jurors--Repeated use of racial epithet by defendant's counsel as strategy in cross examination of victim affected juror--request for mistrial by defendant's counsel based on allegedly "grossly unqualified" juror--whether trial court erred in failing to conduct an individual inquiry of the juror involved; evidence--whether trial court erred in permitting extensive gang-related testimony;

BAUMANN, et al. v LONG ISLAND POWER AUTHORITY, et al.:

PUBLIC AUTHORITIES - CLAIMS AGAINST PUBLIC AUTHORITIES - CLAIMS OF PROPERTY OWNERS AGAINST PROVIDERS OF ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRING DURING STORM SURGE OF HURRICANE SANDY OVER ROCKAWAY PENINSULA; WHETHER DEFENDANTS WERE ENTITLED TO DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT UNDER THE DOCTRINE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION IMMUNITY - GOVERNMENTAL VERSUS PROPRIETARY FUNCTIONS; DISMISSAL AND NONSUIT; NEGLIGENCE;

BAUTISTA (VILMA), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ARGUMENT AND CONDUCT OF COUNSEL - PROSECUTOR'S ARGUMENT ON SUMMATION - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS DEPRIVED OF A FAIR TRIAL BY THE PROSECUTOR'S ALLEGED MISSTATEMENT OF THE EVIDENCE; DISCLOSURE - FAILURE TO DISCLOSE EXCULPATORY MATERIAL - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT AN INVESTIGATOR'S NOTES FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH A COCONSPIRATOR DID NOT CONSTITUTE BRADY MATERIAL; EVIDENCE - JUDICIAL NOTICE - FACT FINDINGS OF FOREIGN

COUNTRY COURT IMPROPERLY READ TO JURY - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT THE TRIAL COURT'S ERROR IN READING THE FACT FINDINGS OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY COURT TO THE JURY WAS HARMLESS AS TO THE TAX COUNTS;

BEATTY, MATTER OF v CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.:

Schools--Teachers--Where teacher submitted time sheets falsely stating that she had provided instruction to a disabled student over a two-month period, whether the arbitrator's penalty of termination shocks the conscience;

BETHUNE v MTA/LONG ISLAND BUS, et al.:

Appeal--Appellate Division--Dismissal of appeal as untimely taken;

BOLT, MATTER OF v NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Schools--Teachers--Where teacher allegedly assisted students on a statewide exam, whether the arbitrator's penalty of termination was excessive;

BOONE (OTIS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR A JURY INSTRUCTION ON CROSS-RACIAL IDENTIFICATIONS;

BRANSTEN, et al. v STATE OF NEW YORK:

JUDGES - JUDICIAL SALARIES - WHETHER APPLICATION TO PLAINTIFF JUDGES AND JUSTICES OF L. 2011, c. 491, § 2 AND AMENDED CIVIL SERVICE LAW § 167(8) VIOLATES THE COMPENSATION CLAUSE OF THE NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTION;

BROOKS (NICHOLAS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - EVIDENCE - EXPERT WITNESS - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN (1) ALLOWING AN EXTENDED FRYE HEARING REQUESTED BY THE PEOPLE TO CHALLENGE DEFENDANT'S EXPERT WITNESS, AND IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR A FRYE HEARING REGARDING THE MEDICAL EXAMINER INTENDED TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PEOPLE, (2) LIMITING THE TESTIMONY OF DEFENDANT'S EXPERT, INCLUDING THAT REGARDING CERTAIN DRUGS AND TOXICOLOGY, (3) ALLOWING THE CLAIMED HEARSAY TESTIMONY OF 11 OF DECEDENT'S FRIENDS TO SHOW THE VICTIM'S UNFAVORABLE PERCEPTION OF DEFENDANT'S CHARACTER, AND (4) DENYING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO SET ASIDE THE VERDICT BASED ON JUROR MISCONDUCT;

BROOKFORD, LLC, MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL, et al.:

LANDLORD AND TENANT - RENT REGULATION - DENIAL OF LANDLORD'S APPLICATION TO DEREGULATE A RENT CONTROLLED APARTMENT - APPORTIONMENT OF INCOME REPORTED ON JOINT TAX RETURN FOR REMAINING SPOUSE AFTER HUSBAND VACATED APARTMENT AND ENTERED ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY;

MATTER OF NEW YORK CITY ASBESTOS LITIGATION (BROWN v BELL & GOSSETT COMPANY) :

Labor--Safe Place to Work--Exposure to Toxic Substances--Whether the evidence at trial established that defendant had the authority to control the activity that caused plaintiff's injury, namely, the application of asbestos-containing materials; Labor Law § 200;

BROWN v STATE OF NEW YORK (CLAIM #110037) :

NEGLIGENCE - PROXIMATE CAUSE - HIGHWAY ACCIDENT AT AN INTERSECTION FOR WHICH THE STATE HAD FAILED TO COMPLETE A TRAFFIC STUDY AND UPGRADE TRAFFIC CONTROL OR WARNING DEVICES - STANDARD APPLICABLE TO DETERMINATION OF WHETHER STATE'S ACTION OR INACTION WAS A PROXIMATE CAUSE OF THE INJURIES SUSTAINED;

BROWN, AS ADMINISTRATRIX v STATE OF NEW YORK (CLAIM #108961) :

NEGLIGENCE - PROXIMATE CAUSE - HIGHWAY ACCIDENT AT AN INTERSECTION FOR WHICH THE STATE HAD FAILED TO COMPLETE A TRAFFIC STUDY AND UPGRADE TRAFFIC CONTROL OR WARNING DEVICES - STANDARD APPLICABLE TO DETERMINATION OF WHETHER STATE'S ACTION OR INACTION WAS A PROXIMATE CAUSE OF THE INJURIES SUSTAINED;

BURGOS, MATTER OF v CITYWIDE CENTRAL INSURANCE PROGRAM, et al.:

Workers' Compensation--Extent of Disability--Where the Workers' Compensation Board has accepted the medical testimony assigning the most severe rating to a lumbar injury and determined that claimant is unable to perform even sedentary work, it is an abuse of discretion to find that claimant has less than a permanent total disability under the 2012 New York State Guidelines for Determining Permanent Impairment;

BURNS, &c. v GOYAL, et al.:

Physicians and Surgeons--Malpractice--Wrongful death--Whether the Appellate Division properly granted defendants' motions for summary judgment--various physicians' duties of care regarding prescriptions, heart condition and kidney biopsy--expert affidavits used on summary judgment motions;

CAFFERTY &c. v COUNTY OF BROOME, et al.:

Dismissal and Nonsuit--Dismissal of Complaint--Tax Foreclosure--action to challenge judgment of foreclosure--statute of limitations--res judicata;

CAMPBELL (ROSS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER, IN A CASE INVOLVING SEX CRIMES, DEFENSE COUNSEL WAS INEFFECTIVE IN FAILING TO CHALLENGE A PROSPECTIVE JUROR WHO EXPRESSED DIFFICULTY IN SERVING AS A JUROR BECAUSE SHE HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE;

CARLSON v AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC. et al.:

INSURANCE - DUTY TO DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT THE INSURANCE POLICY WAS NOT "ISSUED OR DELIVERED" IN NEW YORK, THUS PRECLUDING PLAINTIFF FROM BRINGING SUIT AGAINST TORTFEASOR'S INSURANCE COMPANY UNDER INSURANCE LAW § 3420(a)(2); AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE - CARTAGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEFENDANT DHL EXPRESS (USA) AND DEFENDANT MVP DELIVERY AND LOGISTICS, INC. - WHETHER MVP VEHICLE DRIVEN BY TORTFEASOR DURING THE UNDERLYING MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT WAS A VEHICLE "HIRED" BY DHL AND THUS COVERED UNDER ITS AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE;

CARR (JAMES L.), PEOPLE v:

GRAND JURY - RESUBMISSION OF CHARGES - WHETHER SUPREME COURT ERRED IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S CPL 440.10 MOTION TO VACATE THE JUDGMENT CONVICTING HIM OF TWO COUNTS OF MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE ON THE GROUND THAT THE PEOPLE FAILED TO SEEK LEAVE TO REPRESENT THE MURDER CHARGES TO A SECOND GRAND JURY, IN VIOLATION OF CPL 190.75(3);

CHECKSFIELD v BERG:

Dismissal and Nonsuit--Failure to enter default judgment within one year--whether Supreme Court properly dismissed the action as abandoned; lack of reasonable excuse for delay in entering default judgment; application of CPLR 3215(c);

CLEMENT v DURBAN, et al.:

Constitutional Law--Privileges and Immunities Clause--Whether the requirements of CPLR 8501(a) and 8503 that nonresident plaintiffs maintaining lawsuits in New York courts post security for the costs for which they would be liable if their lawsuits were unsuccessful violate the Privileges and Immunities Clause of the United States Constitution (US Const, art IV, § 2); claimed due process and equal protection violations;

COKE, SR., MATTER OF v BARGNESI:

Proceeding Against Body or Officer--Certiorari--Conditional dismissal of proceeding by Appellate Division;

CONGEL, et al. v MALFITANO:

PARTNERSHIP - DISSOLUTION - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN FINDING A WRONGFUL DISSOLUTION OF THE PARTNERSHIP WHICH LACKED A DEFINITE TERM OR PARTICULAR UNDERTAKING (PARTNERSHIP LAW § 62), IN AWARDING COUNSEL AND EXPERT FEES AS PART OF THE DAMAGES, IN APPLYING MINORITY AND MARKETABILITY DISCOUNTS TO DEFENDANT'S PARTNERSHIP INTEREST, AND IN ATTRIBUTING GOODWILL TO THE PARTNERSHIP'S VALUE;

CONNOLLY, et al. v LONG ISLAND POWER AUTHORITY, et al.:
 PUBLIC AUTHORITIES - CLAIMS AGAINST PUBLIC AUTHORITIES - CLAIMS OF PROPERTY OWNERS AGAINST PROVIDERS OF ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRING DURING STORM SURGE OF HURRICANE SANDY OVER ROCKAWAY PENINSULA; WHETHER DEFENDANTS WERE ENTITLED TO DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT UNDER THE DOCTRINE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION IMMUNITY - GOVERNMENTAL VERSUS PROPRIETARY FUNCTIONS; DISMISSAL AND NONSUIT; NEGLIGENCE;

CONTACT CHIROPRACTIC, P.C., &c. v NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS - WHAT STATUTE GOVERNS - ACTION TO RECOVER FIRST-PARTY NO-FAULT BENEFITS - WHETHER AN ACTION BY AN INJURED CLAIMANT, OR THE CLAIMANT'S ASSIGNEE, TO RECOVER FIRST-PARTY NO-FAULT BENEFITS FROM A SELF-INSURED DEFENDANT, IS SUBJECT TO SIX-YEAR OR THREE-YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS;

CORTLANDT STREET RECOVERY CORP., et al. v BONDERMAN, et al. (AND THREE RELATED ACTIONS):

PARTIES - STANDING - WHETHER INDENTURE TRUSTEE HAD STANDING TO ASSERT CAUSES OF ACTION FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT, FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE, UNLAWFUL CORPORATE DISTRIBUTION, UNJUST ENRICHMENT, AND BASED ON AN ALTER EGO THEORY; CORPORATIONS - DISREGARDING THE CORPORATE ENTITY - WHETHER COMPLAINT SUFFICIENTLY STATED A CAUSE OF ACTION UNDER A VEIL-PIERCING THEORY;

CRESPO (RAYMOND), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Right to Representation Pro Se--Whether defendant's requests to proceed pro se, made during jury selection, were timely asserted;

CUMMINGS v MANVILLE:

Negligence--Maintenance of Premises--Whether defendant established as a matter of law entitlement to immunity under General Obligations Law § 9-103; plaintiff injured while operating a four-wheel all-terrain vehicle on a road owned by defendant; whether road was suitable for recreational use of ATV riding;

CUMMINGS (TWANEK), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Evidence--Excited Utterances--admissibility of statement of an unidentified man in the background of the victim's 911 call pursuant to the excited utterance exception to the hearsay rule; whether, upon retrial after deadlocked jury in first trial, a different trial court judge had authority to change the ruling on the admissibility of the statement at issue--law of the case;

DAVIS v SCOTTISH RE GROUP LIMITED, et al.:

CORPORATIONS - MERGER - ACTION BY MINORITY SHAREHOLDER ASSERTING BOTH DIRECT AND DERIVATIVE CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING OUT OF ALLEGEDLY UNDERVALUED CASH-OUT MERGER THAT UNFAIRLY PREJUDICED MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS; STANDING; CHOICE OF LAW; JURISDICTION; DISMISSAL OF CERTAIN CAUSES OF ACTION;

DENNEHY et al. v COPPERMAN, et al.:

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS - MALPRACTICE - WHETHER THE ACCRUAL DATE FOR A "WRONGFUL BIRTH" MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ACTION IS THE DATE OF BIRTH OR THE DATE OF THE CLAIMED MALPRACTICE - CPLR 214-a; STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS; DISMISSAL OF CLAIMS;

DESROSIERS v PERRY ELLIS MENSWEAR, LLC:

ACTIONS - CLASS ACTIONS - WHETHER PUTATIVE CLASS MEMBERS WERE ENTITLED TO NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF THE ACTION UNDER CPLR 908 DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE TIME FOR THE INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFF TO MOVE FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION HAD EXPIRED UNDER CPLR 902;

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, &c. v FLAGSTAR CAPITAL MARKETS CORPORATION, et al.:

CONTRACTS - BREACH OR PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACT - WHETHER STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS BARS A BREACH OF CONTRACT ACTION BROUGHT MORE THAN SIX YEARS AFTER SELLER MADE ALLEGEDLY FALSE REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES REGARDING LOAN UNDERLYING RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES - CONTRACT PROVISION SPECIFYING SET OF CONDITIONS THAT WOULD DELAY CAUSE OF ACTION'S ACCRUAL - ENFORCEABILITY OF ACCRUAL CLAUSE;

DIAZ (FREDERICK), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Sex Offenders--Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA) (Correction Law article 6-C)--Defendant convicted in Virginia of first-degree murder of a victim under the age of 15 (crime not involving any sexual motivation or conduct)--whether Appellate Division correctly concluded, under the specific facts of this case, that requiring defendant to register as a sex offender under Correction Law § 168-a (2) (ii) violated his substantive due process rights and was not rationally related to SORA's legislative purpose;

DIRECTIONAL LENDING, LLC v GUERRERA &c., et al.:

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DODSON (PHILLIP A.), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Right to Counsel--Whether the trial court abused its discretion in denying defendant's request for substitution of assigned counsel--breakdown in communications between counsel and client;

DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, et al. v SAMSON CONSTRUCTION CO., &c., et al.:

NEGLIGENCE - ARCHITECT'S MALPRACTICE - WHETHER DORMITORY AUTHORITY MAY PURSUE A NEGLIGENCE CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHITECT IN ADDITION TO ITS BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIM ARISING OUT OF DAMAGES INCURRED DURING SITE EXCAVATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT'S FOUNDATION; PARTIES - WHETHER CITY OF NEW YORK, A NONPARTY TO THE UNDERLYING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, CAN ASSERT A CLAIM AS A THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY AS ULTIMATE END-USER OF THE BUILDING TO BE CONSTRUCTED;

EDWARD (ALBERT), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - POSSESSION OF WEAPON - SUFFICIENCY OF ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT - WHETHER FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS WERE SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT CHARGE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN THE FOURTH DEGREE, WHERE DEFENDANT WAS ARRESTED FOR TRESPASSING IN THE LOBBY OF A HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING AND THE ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT ALLEGED THAT, UPON HIS ARREST, THE POLICE RECOVERED "A BOX CUTTER FROM THE DEFENDANT AND DEFENDANT STATED IN SUBSTANCE, I USE IT ON THE TRAIN FOR PROTECTION" - POSSESSION OF "DANGEROUS KNIFE" OR A "DANGEROUS OR DEADLY INSTRUMENT OR WEAPON" WITH INTENT TO USE IT "UNLAWFULLY AGAINST ANOTHER" (PENAL LAW § 265.01[2]);

EPAKCHI (DARIA N.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT - WHETHER A SIMPLIFIED TRAFFIC INFORMATION MAY BE RE-FILED AFTER ANOTHER SIMPLIFIED TRAFFIC INFORMATION ALLEGING THE SAME OFFENSE WAS DISMISSED FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY PROVIDE A SUPPORTING DEPOSITION - NECESSITY OF SHOWING SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANTING REPROSECUTION;

ESTREMERERA (ROBERTO), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - RESENTENCE - WHETHER SUPREME COURT ERRED IN CONDUCTING A POSTRELEASE SUPERVISION RESENTENCING PURSUANT TO PENAL LAW § 70.85 WITHOUT DEFENDANT PRESENT;

EVERY (DOUGLAS), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Justification-- whether the trial court improperly excluded evidence of victim's prior threats of violence, threatening conduct and reputation for violence; Instructions-- whether the trial court improperly instructed the jury on the definition of a dwelling; Argument and Conduct of Counsel -- whether alleged prosecutorial misconduct deprived defendant of a fair trial; Right to Counsel--Effective Representation--whether trial counsel was ineffective for failing to object to (1) jury instruction regarding the duty to retreat, (2) alleged prosecutorial misconduct, and (3) testimony by the medical examiner and coroner characterizing the victim's death as a homicide;

EXCESS LINE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK (ELANY) v WALDORF & ASSOCIATES, et al.:

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FERRIS v KENDIG, et al.:

Dismissal and Nonsuit--Dismissal of complaint--whether all of plaintiff's causes of action are barred by the existence of another action between the parties, res judicata or the statute of limitations; claimed due process violations;

FLORES (MARY ANNE GRADY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - CRIMINAL CONTEMPT - ORDER OF PROTECTION AS PREDICATE FOR CRIMINAL CONTEMPT CHARGE AGAINST PROTESTER IN PUBLIC STREET IN FRONT OF MILITARY BASE - CHALLENGE TO VALIDITY AND SPECIFICITY OF ORDER OF PROTECTION; CLAIMED ERROR OF TRIAL COURT IN RESPONSE TO JURY QUESTION;

FMC CORPORATION, MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION:

Limitation of Actions--Four-Month Statute of Limitations--Whether four-month statute of limitations began to run when respondent advised petitioner that administrative order on consent was closed or when respondent issued final statement of basis selecting a remedy to address environmental contamination; environmental conservation--hazardous waste--whether respondent's selection of a remedial plan to address environmental contamination and decision to use the hazardous waste remedial fund to pay for the remediation was arbitrary and capricious;

FORMAN v HENKIN:

DISCLOSURE - DISCOVERY AND INSPECTION - SCOPE OF DISCLOSURE - SOCIAL MEDIA - WHETHER A PERSONAL INJURY PLAINTIFF MAY BE COMPELLED TO PRODUCE PHOTOGRAPHS PRIVATELY POSTED ON FACEBOOK AND AUTHORIZATIONS RELATED TO PLAINTIFF'S PRIVATE FACEBOOK MESSAGES;

FRANCIS (JUDE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT (SORA) - USE OF YOUTHFUL OFFENDER ADJUDICATION IN DETERMINING RISK LEVEL - WHETHER A DEFENDANT'S PRIOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDER ADJUDICATION MAY BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING THE DEFENDANT'S RISK LEVEL DESIGNATION UNDER SORA;

FRELIGH v GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES INSURANCE COMPANY:

Insurance--No-Fault Automobile Insurance--whether plaintiff's claim for projected future earnings as an employee of an automobile parts business was speculative; Insurance Law § 5102; whether summary judgment was proper;

FRIEDMAN, MATTER OF v RICE:

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THE FRIENDS OF P.S. 163, INC., et al., MATTER OF v JEWISH HOME LIFECARE, MANHATTAN; DAISY WRIGHT, et al., MATTER OF v JEWISH HOME LIFECARE, MANHATTAN:

Environmental Conservation--Environmental Quality Review--Whether respondent Department of Health took the requisite "hard look" at the proposed project's anticipated adverse environmental impacts, including noise and hazardous material impacts, and provided a "reasoned elaboration" of its basis for approving the project, including the remedial measures to be employed to mitigate adverse impacts;

GARCIA v GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES INSURANCE COMPANY:

Insurance--Cancellation--Failure to Pay Premium--whether questions of fact exist regarding divisibility of umbrella insurance policy, thereby precluding summary judgment; whether insurance policy is ambiguous;

GARCIA v NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, et al.:

Health--CPLR article 78 proceeding and declaratory judgment action seeking to permanently enjoin defendants-respondents from implementing and enforcing amendments to the New York City Health Code mandating that children attending certain child care, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten programs receive an annual influenza (flu) vaccine--whether the New York City Board of Health's regulations exceeded the limit of its authority, thereby violating the separation of powers doctrine;

GARVIN (SEAN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ARREST - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S WARRANTLESS ARREST VIOLATED PAYTON v NEW YORK (445 US 573), WHERE DEFENDANT LIVED IN THE UPSTAIRS APARTMENT OF A BUILDING CONTAINING TWO SEPARATE APARTMENTS AND WAS ARRESTED IN THE DOORWAY TO HIS APARTMENT AFTER

HE OPENED THE DOOR IN RESPONSE TO A KNOCK BY A POLICE OFFICER;
ALLEGED VIOLATION OF DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT; ALLEGED
VIOLATION OF APPRENDI v NEW JERSEY (530 US 466) BY DEFENDANT'S
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Community Supervision wrongfully denied petitioner good time
credit based on his failure to locate housing that complied with
the Sexual Assault Reform Act (SARA); whether the Department of
Corrections and Community Supervision failed to comply with its
obligations under the Correction Law by placing petitioner at a
residential treatment facility following the maximum expiration
date of his prison sentence and by failing to provide him
statutorily required privileges and programming;

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facility, whether mootness exception applied to petitioner's
challenge to his placement in the facility and the conditions
thereof; prisons and prisoners--whether Department of Corrections
and Community Supervision had an affirmative statutory duty to
provide substantial assistance to petitioner in finding housing
that complied with the Sexual Assault Reform Act and, under the
circumstances, whether the assistance provided was insufficient;
application of Correction Law § 201(5);

GRAJKO, MATTER OF v CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.:
Municipal Corporations--Notice of Claims--Late Notice--whether
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leave to serve a late notice of claim (General Municipal Law
§ 50-e)--injured bricklayer's alleged failure to realize the
severity of his injuries within 90 days after his accident;

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Civil Rights--Right of Privacy--Whether plaintiff's allegation
that defendant video game maker used plaintiff's likeness to
advertise video game stated a cause of action under Civil Rights
Law §§ 50, 51; whether video game and subject images are
protected works under the First Amendment;

GUIDANCE ENHANCED GREEN TERRAIN, LLC v BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH &c. et al.:

Contracts--Breach or Performance of Contract--Assignments--Scope of Assignment--Whether plaintiff assignor had a contractual right to compel defendant assignee to reassign bankruptcy claims to a third party as a condition of settlement--Covenants--covenant of good faith and fair dealing--whether plaintiff stated a claim that defendant assignee breached the covenant of good faith and fair dealing in withholding its consent to the proposed settlement;

HAKES (BRIAN), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Sentence--Whether sentencing court had the authority to require defendant to pay for an electronic monitoring program (a Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring [SCRAM] bracelet) as a condition of his probation--SCRAM bracelet removed when defendant told monitoring company that he was unable to make payments required for continued use of bracelet;

HARDEE (STANLEY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - WHETHER LIMITED SEARCH OF CAR STOPPED FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS WAS JUSTIFIED AFTER DEFENDANT HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE CAR AND FRISKED - PEOPLE v TORRES (74 NY2d 224 [1989]);

HARRIS (WILLIAM), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Right to Counsel--Whether the trial court's refusal to allow summations at the conclusion of a bench trial in a local criminal court deprived defendant of his constitutional right to the assistance of counsel; constitutionality of CPL 350.10(3)(c);

HAUG, MATTER OF v STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT POTSDAM, et al.:

Proceeding against body or officer--CPLR article 78 proceeding to review the university's determination; Evidence--hearsay accounts of incident as reported by complainant to campus police officer and director of student conduct;

HEERAN, et al. v LONG ISLAND POWER AUTHORITY, et al.:

PUBLIC AUTHORITIES - CLAIMS AGAINST PUBLIC AUTHORITIES - CLAIMS OF PROPERTY OWNERS AGAINST PROVIDERS OF ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRING DURING STORM SURGE OF HURRICANE SANDY OVER ROCKAWAY PENINSULA; WHETHER DEFENDANTS WERE ENTITLED TO DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT UNDER THE DOCTRINE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION IMMUNITY - GOVERNMENTAL VERSUS PROPRIETARY FUNCTIONS; DISMISSAL AND NONSUIT; NEGLIGENCE;

HELMS (MARLO S.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - SECOND VIOLENT FELONY OFFENDER - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT DEFENDANT WAS IMPROPERLY

SENTENCED AS A SECOND VIOLENT FELONY OFFENDER BECAUSE HIS CONVICTION OF BURGLARY IN GEORGIA DID NOT CONSTITUTE A PREDICATE FELONY INASMUCH AS THE GEORGIA STATUTE DEFINING BURGLARY LACKED THE KNOWLEDGE ELEMENT REQUIRED BY THE EQUIVALENT NEW YORK BURGLARY STATUTE;

HENRY (BRYAN), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Right to Counsel--Representation on Unrelated Matter--Where defendant's right to counsel was violated when he was questioned by officers with regard to a robbery after he had been assigned counsel in connection with an arrest for marijuana possession, whether his right to counsel also was violated when he was questioned by officers on a homicide that was "factually interwoven" with the robbery charge; application of People v Cohen (90 NY2d 632 [1997]) and People v Grant (91 NY2d 989 [1998]);

HERMAN &c., et al. v HERMAN, et al.:

Disclosure--Penalty for Failure to Disclose--Whether trial court properly precluded defendant from participating in an inquest into plaintiffs' damages where defendant failed to comply with court orders directing the disclosure of certain documents;

HUTCHINS v HUTCHINS et al.:

Contracts--Construction--Contract concerning parents' lifetime residence on property of one son, with certain conditions upon death of parents, including payment of \$10,000 to their other son--whether contract remained enforceable and whether conditions precedent to son's receipt of \$10,000 were satisfied before the contract was cancelled; summary judgment; claimed due process and equal protection violations;

KHALEEL, MATTER OF v VANREIL, et al.:

Proceeding against Body or Officer--Order to show cause submitted to Appellate Division--Justice declined to sign; claimed due process violations;

HONGHIRUN (NIRUN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER DEFENSE COUNSEL WAS INEFFECTIVE FOR FAILING TO SEEK AN IN LIMINE RULING PRECLUDING DELAYED DISCLOSURE EVIDENCE, OR OBJECTING TO ITS ADMISSION INTO EVIDENCE UNDER THE PROMPT OUTCRY EXCEPTION TO THE HEARSAY RULE, AND ELICITING ON CROSS EXAMINATION DETAILS BOLSTERING COMPLAINANT'S CLAIMS;

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS & ALLIED TRADES, DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 4, &c., et al. v NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, et al.:

Labor--Hours and Wages--Whether, under Labor Law § 220(3-e), apprentices who are registered individually under a bona fide apprenticeship may work and be paid as apprentices even if the work they are performing is not work in the same trade or occupation as their apprenticeship program;

JANAKIEVSKI, MATTER OF (COMMISSIONER OF LABOR):

Unemployment Insurance--Benefits--Whether substantial evidence supports the Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board's determination that claimant was unable to meet the requirements for a valid original claim because his work for a nonprofit organization was excluded from the definition of employment under Labor Law § 563(2)(d); claimed violation of claimant's right to equal protection by treating people with disabilities differently for purposes of unemployment insurance benefits;

MATTER OF JAMIE J. (WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; MICHELLE E.C.):

PARENT, CHILD AND FAMILY - ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD - WHETHER FAMILY COURT LACKED SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION TO CONDUCT A PERMANENCY HEARING AND CONTINUE FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD FOLLOWING DISMISSAL OF THE NEGLECT PETITION - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION'S INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 10-A OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT RENDERS THE STATUTE UNCONSTITUTIONAL;

JOHNSON (MICHAEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SUPPRESSION HEARING - VOLUNTARINESS OF STATEMENTS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY DETERMINED THAT PRE-ARRAIGNMENT DELAY AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING INTERROGATION DURING THAT TIME DID NOT ESTABLISH THAT DEFENDANT'S STATEMENTS TO POLICE WERE INVOLUNTARY; WITNESSES - FAILURE TO CALL WITNESS - WHETHER TRIAL COURT PROPERLY DENIED DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR A MISSING WITNESS CHARGE AS TO VICTIM'S SON, AN EYEWITNESS TO THE CRIME; PROOF OF OTHER CRIMES - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT PROPERLY DENIED DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR A MISTRIAL, WHERE IT SUSTAINED DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION TO IMPROPER TESTIMONY BY A COOPERATING WITNESS, STRUCK THAT PORTION OF HIS TESTIMONY AND PROVIDED A CURATIVE INSTRUCTION; DISCLOSURE - DELAY IN PROVIDING EVIDENTIARY MATERIALS REGARDING COOPERATING WITNESS;

MATTER OF NEW YORK CITY ASBESTOS LITIGATION (JUNI, &c. v A.O. SMITH WATER PRODUCTS COMPANY, et al):

Labor--Safe Place to Work--Exposure to Toxic Substances--asbestos dust--whether there was a sufficient "scientific expression" of plaintiff's exposure to asbestos to support the jury's verdict in plaintiff's favor; evidence--expert proof of causation in toxic tort case brought by auto mechanic afflicted with mesothelioma after more than 25 years of working in two garages which serviced vehicles manufactured by defendant Ford Motor Company;

KELLY, MATTER OF v DiNAPOLI:

CIVIL SERVICE - RETIREMENT AND PENSION BENEFITS - ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE SUPPORTS THE COMPTROLLER'S DETERMINATION THAT PETITIONER'S INJURY DID NOT RESULT FROM AN "ACCIDENT" WITHIN THE MEANING OF RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW § 363 AND, THEREFORE, PETITIONER WAS NOT ENTITLED TO ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS;

KEYSPAN GAS EAST CORPORATION v MUNICH REINSURANCEAMERICA, INC., et al.:

INSURANCE - ACTION AGAINST INSURER - COVERAGE - LONG-TERM ENVIRONMENTAL PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY POLLUTION FROM MANUFACTURED GAS PLANTS - ALLOCATION OF RISK OF LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO A CONTINUOUS HARM OCCURRING, IN PART, DURING PERIODS WHEN LIABILITY INSURANCE WAS UNAVAILABLE IN THE MARKETPLACE - WHETHER THE POLICIES AT ISSUE CONTAIN ANTI-STACKING LANGUAGE REQUIRING AN ALL-SUMS ALLOCATION METHOD;

KISLOWSKI (JOSEPH W.), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Sentence--Probation--Sufficiency of evidence to support finding that defendant violated terms of his probation by associating with a convicted criminal--on approximately four occasions defendant contacted his former girlfriend and went to her apartment to pick up and walk the dog they once shared--whether evidence was sufficient to establish defendant's "association" with his former girlfriend and his awareness that she had been convicted of a crime; challenge to facial sufficiency of the amended violation petition;

KIRTON, MATTER OF v ANNUCCI:

Prisons and Prisoners--Discipline of Inmates--Whether substantial evidence supports the determination of guilt with respect to charges remaining after Appellate Division modification; claimed due process violation--prisoner's ability to present witnesses;

KOLCHINS v EVOLUTION MARKETS, INC.:

CONTRACTS - BREACH OR PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACT - WHETHER THE PARTIES' EMAILS AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE CONSTITUTED A BINDING OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE OF AN EXTENSION OF A 2009 EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - WHETHER RESPONDENT IS ENTITLED TO A "PRODUCTION BONUS" DEPENDENT ON ACTIVE EMPLOYMENT AT THE TIME OF PAYMENT;

KOWAL, MATTER OF v DiNAPOLI &c., et al.:

Civil Service--Retirement and Pension Benefits--Accidental Disability Retirement--whether substantial evidence supports the Comptroller's determination that petitioner's injury did not result from an "accident" within the meaning of Retirement and Social Services Law § 605-a and, therefore, petitioner was not entitled to accidental disability retirement benefits;

MATTER OF KOZIOL, A SUSPENDED ATTORNEY:

Attorney and Client--Disciplinary Proceedings--Denial of motion to set aside suspension orders; alleged constitutional violations;

KUZDZAL (MATTHEW), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Jurors--Discharge of Juror--Whether the trial court erred in failing to make a proper inquiry of two jurors who allegedly were overheard making disparaging comments about defendant during a court recess--possible necessity for further inquiry pursuant to People v Buford (69 NY2d 290);

LAU v MARGARET E. PESCATORE PARKING, INC., et al.:

Negligence--Maintenance of Premises--whether a triable issue of fact exists regarding defendants' ownership of parking barrels to which a cord was tied and over which plaintiff tripped, and as to defendants' notice of the cord, thereby precluding summary judgment;

LEADINGAGE NEW YORK, INC., et al., MATTER OF v SHAH, et al. (AND ANOTHER PROCEEDING):

Proceeding Against Body or Officer--Certiorari--CPLR article 78 proceedings challenging executive order and regulations imposing limits on administrative costs and executive compensation of health care providers that receive State financial assistance--Executive Order No. 39 and 10 NYCRR part 1002; claimed unconstitutionality of compensation cap as violative of separation of powers doctrine under New York State Constitution; whether Department of Health regulations at issue are arbitrary and capricious;

LEE (GREGORY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ARREST - WHETHER THE POLICE HAD PROBABLE CAUSE TO ARREST DEFENDANT FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - WHETHER THE INVENTORY SEARCH OF DEFENDANT'S CAR, CONDUCTED AT THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND NOT AT THE ARREST LOCATION, WAS A LEGITIMATE INVENTORY SEARCH; POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY - WHETHER POSSESSION OF PROPERTY THAT WAS PURCHASED WITH A STOLEN CREDIT CARD CONSTITUTES POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY;

LEMMA, MATTER OF v NASSAU COUNTY POLICE OFFICER INDEMNIFICATION BOARD, et al.:

Counties--Defense and Indemnification of Employee--Whether police officer's actions were within the "proper discharge of his duties," thereby entitling him to defense and indemnification under General Municipal Law § 50-1; whether respondent Board's determination denying defense and indemnification was arbitrary and capricious;

LOHAN v TAKE-TWO INTERACTIVE SOFTWARE, INC., et al.:

Civil Rights--Right of Privacy--Whether plaintiff's allegation that defendant video game maker used plaintiff's digital portrait to advertise video game stated a cause of action under Civil Rights Law §§ 50, 51;

LOHNAS v LUZI:

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS - MEDICAL MALPRACTICE - ESTOPPEL TO PLEAD STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS - WHETHER AN ISSUE OF FACT EXISTED REGARDING APPLICATION OF THE CONTINUOUS TREATMENT DOCTRINE; WHETHER THE EQUITABLE ESTOPPEL DOCTRINE APPLIED TO TOLL THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS;

MADEIROS, MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT et al.:

PROCEEDING AGAINST BODY OR OFFICER - CERTIORARI - CPLR ARTICLE 78 PROCEEDING TO REVIEW RESPONDENT NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S DENIAL OF PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL) - FOIL REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO FISCAL AUDITS OF PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED BY EDUCATION LAW § 4410 - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRONEOUSLY CONCLUDED THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT EXCEPTION TO FOIL PERMITS RESPONDENT TO WITHHOLD THE DOCUMENTS AT ISSUE - PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW § 87(2)(e) AND (g); ATTORNEYS' FEES RECOVERABLE UNDER FOIL;

MARINE HOLDINGS, LLC, &c., et al., MATTER OF v NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS:

Civil Rights--Discrimination Based on Disability--Whether substantial evidence supported the Commission's determination that landlord failed to establish it would suffer an undue hardship if required to accommodate a tenant with disabilities;

McCain (Douglas), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - POSSESSION OF WEAPON - SUFFICIENCY OF ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT - WHETHER FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS WERE SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT CHARGE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN THE FOURTH DEGREE, WHERE DEFENDANT TOLD ARRESTING OFFICER THAT HE POSSESSED A RAZOR KNIFE CLIPPED TO THE OUTSIDE OF HIS PANTS POCKET FOR SELF PROTECTION - WHETHER APPELLATE TERM IMPROPERLY RELIED ON THE PRESUMPTION CONTAINED IN PENAL LAW § 265.15(4) IN UPHOLDING THE ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT;

McCray, MATTER OF v GRAHAM &c.:

Prisons and Prisoners--Discipline of Inmates--whether substantial evidence supports the determination finding prisoner guilty of certain disciplinary rules; claimed due process violations;

Kevin McK., MATTER OF v ELIZABETH A.E.:

Parent, Child and Family--Custody--Whether father was entitled to counsel to represent him in custody proceeding; claimed due process violations; Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act;

McMILLIAN, MATTER OF v LEMPKE, et al.:

Prisons and Prisoners--Discipline of Inmates--Whether substantial evidence supports respondents' determination that petitioner violated certain inmate rules following a tier III disciplinary hearing; claimed due process violations including untimely conclusion of the disciplinary hearing, deprivation of petitioner's rights to call certain witnesses and present certain documentary evidence, and hearing officer bias;

MEISSNER &c. v YUN, et al.:

Parties--Standing--Whether plaintiff lacked standing to assert derivative claims on behalf of a dissolved Delaware limited liability company; Conflict of Laws--full faith and credit--whether certificate of good standing of Delaware limited liability company was entitled to full faith and credit in New York action brought derivatively on behalf of that company;

MENTAL HYGIENE LEGAL SERVICE et al., MATTER OF v SULLIVAN &c., et al.:

Mental Health--Patient in Custody of Commissioner of Mental Health--Treatment planning meetings--whether person confined after having been adjudicated a dangerous sex offender is statutorily entitled to have his Mental Hygiene Legal Service counsel present at his treatment planning meetings--construction of Mental Hygiene Law § 29.13 (b)--"person otherwise concerned with the welfare of the patient";

MESTECKY, MATTER OF v CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.:

PROCESS - SERVICE OF PROCESS - NOTICES OF VIOLATION (NOVs) ISSUED BY NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS (DOB) - WHETHER DOB INSPECTOR'S ONE ATTEMPT AT PERSONAL SERVICE OF NOVs AT THE PREMISES WHERE THE VIOLATIONS OCCURRED SATISFIED THE "REASONABLE ATTEMPT" REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN NEW YORK CITY CHARTER § 1049-a(d)(2)(b) SO THAT RESORT TO "AFFIX AND MAIL" SERVICE WAS APPROPRIATE - WHETHER REFERENCE TO CPLR ARTICLE 3 IN THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER'S "AFFIX AND MAIL" PROVISION INCORPORATES THE "DUE DILIGENCE" REQUIREMENT OF CPLR ARTICLE 3; WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT THE DETERMINATIONS ARE SUPPORTED BY SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, ARE NOT AFFECTED BY AN ERROR OF LAW, AND ARE NOT ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS;

MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-13ARX, &c. v MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC, &c.:

CONTRACTS - BREACH OR PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACT - RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S ALLEGED BREACH OF A CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY THE TRUSTEE OF DEFECTIVE LOANS GIVES RISE TO DAMAGES NOT GOVERNED BY THE "SOLE REMEDIES" RESTRICTIONS IN THE PARTIES' AGREEMENTS - WHETHER ALLEGATIONS OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE AFFECT THE ENFORCEABILITY OF CONTRACT PROVISIONS LIMITING A PARTY'S LIABILITY;

MORRISON (WILLIAM), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Appeal--Mode of Proceedings Error--Whether a jury note constituted a substantive inquiry, thereby implicating the procedure required under People v O'Rama (78 NY2d 270 [1991]); application of CPL 310.30; whether a reconstruction hearing is appropriate where the record is ambiguous as to whether the court provided counsel with notice of a substantive jury note;

MYERS, et al. v SCHNEIDERMAN, &c., et al.:

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW - VALIDITY OF STATUTE - WHETHER PENAL LAW §§ 120.30 AND 125.15, WHICH PROHIBIT PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE, VIOLATE THE EQUAL PROTECTION AND DUE PROCESS CLAUSES OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND WHETHER SUCH STATUTES PROHIBIT A LICENSED PHYSICIAN FROM ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE KNOWN AS "AID IN DYING" TO TERMINALLY ILL, MENTALLY COMPETENT ADULT PATIENTS;

MYERS (STEVEN), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Indictment--Waiver of indictment by grand jury--Whether the trial court failed to protect defendant's rights by not speaking with him prior to entering his guilty plea to ensure defendant understood the written waiver document he had signed;

NOMURA HOME EQUITY LOAN, INC., &c. v NOMURA CREDIT & CAPITAL, INC. (AND THREE OTHER ACTIONS):

CONTRACTS - BREACH OR PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACT - RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES - WHETHER "SOLE REMEDY" PROVISION REQUIRING DEFENDANT TO CURE OR REPURCHASE MORTGAGE LOANS NOT CONFORMING TO REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES PROHIBITS PLAINTIFFS FROM SEEKING MONEY DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF A CONTRACTUAL PROVISION PROVIDING THAT THE CONTRACT CONTAINS NO UNTRUE STATEMENTS;

NONNI (MARK), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - WHETHER POLICE HAD A FOUNDED SUSPICION OF CRIMINALITY JUSTIFYING A LEVEL TWO INQUIRY UNDER PEOPLE v DE BOUR (40 NY2d 210) - WHETHER THE LEVEL OF SUSPICION WAS ELEVATED TO REASONABLE SUSPICION WHEN DEFENDANT FLED, JUSTIFYING PURSUIT AND AN INVESTIGATIVE DETENTION; WHETHER POLICE WERE JUSTIFIED IN CONDUCTING A PROTECTIVE SEARCH OF DEFENDANT'S BAG AND PERSON;

NOVAK (BRIAN), PEOPLE v:

JUDGES - RECUSAL - WHETHER A JUDGE WHO DECIDED DEFENDANT'S PRETRIAL MOTIONS AND PRESIDED OVER HIS BENCH TRIAL MAY DECIDE HIS APPEAL; CRIMES - INFORMATION - WHETHER A PROSECUTOR'S INFORMATION MAY SUPERCEDE A SIMPLIFIED TRAFFIC INFORMATION; WHETHER TRIAL COURT ABUSED ITS DISCRETION BY FAILING TO IMPOSE A SANCTION FOR THE PEOPLE'S ROSARIO VIOLATION; EVIDENCE - WHETHER TRIAL COURT IMPROPERLY ADMITTED EVIDENCE REGARDING HORIZONTAL GAZE NYSTAGMUS (HGN) WITHOUT FIRST ESTABLISHING ITS SCIENTIFIC VALIDITY; WHETHER EVIDENCE PRESENTED AT TRIAL WAS SUFFICIENT TO PROVE THAT DEFENDANT WAS IMPAIRED BY THE USE OF ALCOHOL;

ODUM (DONALD), PEOPLE v:

Motor Vehicles--Chemical Tests--Where request to administer chemical breath test occurred more than two hours after defendant's arrest, whether defendant's refusal to submit to that test can be used against defendant in court; whether defendant's consent to the chemical breath test was involuntary;

O'KANE (DENNIS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - VERDICT - CONTENT OF VERDICT SHEET - DEFENSE COUNSEL'S CONSENT TO ANNOTATIONS ON VERDICT SHEET SUMMARIZING SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AGAINST DEFENDANT - WHETHER COUNTY COURT ERRED IN HOLDING THAT DEFENSE COUNSEL WAS INEFFECTIVE FOR CONSENTING TO THE VERDICT SHEET ANNOTATIONS AND THAT SUCH ANNOTATIONS CONSTITUTED REVERSIBLE ERROR - ISSUE NOT ADDRESSED BY THE PARTIES BUT RAISED BY COUNTY COURT SUA SPONTE IN ITS OPINION;

RUTH JOANNA O. O., MATTER OF:

Parent, Child and Family--Abused or Neglected Child--Whether a preponderance of the evidence supports the finding that the mother's untreated mental condition exposed the subject child to risk of imminent harm and that mother therefore neglected the child; Family Court Act § 1012(f)(i);

PARAMOUNT PICTURES CORPORATION v ALLIANZ RISK TRANSFER AG, et al.:

JUDGMENTS - RES JUDICATA - APPLICATION OF FEDERAL RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 13(a) TO NEW YORK STATE COURT CASES; WHETHER A PARTY'S FAILURE TO ASSERT A COMPULSORY COUNTERCLAIM IN A PRIOR FEDERAL ACTION PRECLUDED THE PARTY FROM PURSUING THE COUNTERCLAIM IN A SUBSEQUENT STATE COURT ACTION UNDER THE DOCTRINE OF RES JUDICATA;

PARIETTI et al. v WAL-MART STORES, INC., et al.:

Negligence--Maintenance of Premises--whether a triable issue of fact exists regarding defendants' notice of the wet surface on which plaintiff slipped, thereby precluding summary judgment;

PARKER (LAWRENCE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - WHETHER THE RECORD SUPPORTS THE CONCLUSION THAT DEFENDANT ACTIVELY FLED FROM POLICE, THUS ELEVATING THE LEVEL OF SUSPICION UNDER PEOPLE v DE BOUR (40 NY2d 210) TO REASONABLE SUSPICION;

ALAN S. PEARCE AND JOEL A LEVIN, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES UNDER THE GOLDSTEIN TRUST v LIPETZ:

Landlord and Tenant--Rent Regulation--Whether a rent stabilized tenant who repeatedly rents out a room in her apartment at market rates through the Airbnb website may be subject to lease termination pursuant to the Rent Stabilization Code (9 NYCRR 2525.6 [b] and [f])--room occupants as subtenants versus

roommates or guests--excessive profit over regulated rent plus ten percent sublet allowance; possible landlord knowledge of/acquiescence to Airbnb arrangement through building manager--agency; eviction without opportunity to cure; summary judgment;

PEOPLE &c., MATTER OF v JUAREZ (CONRADO); ROBLES (FRANCES):

Appeal--Matters Appealable--Whether an order resolving a nonparty's motion to quash a subpoena in a pending criminal action is appealable; Crimes--Disclosure--Shield Law--whether the People made a clear and specific showing that disclosure sought from reporter is critical and necessary to the People's proof of a material issue so as to overcome the qualified protection for the reporter's nonconfidential material; application of Civil Rights Law section 79-h(c);

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK &c. v CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA), LLC, &c., et al.:

Limitation of Actions--Fraud--Whether an action brought by the Attorney General under the Martin Act and Executive Law § 63(12) for alleged investor fraud is subject to the three-year statute of limitations under CPLR 214 or the six-year statute of limitations under CPLR 213;

MATTER OF PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, &c. v THE TRUMP ENTREPRENEUR INITIATIVE, LLC, &c, et al.:

FRAUD - OPERATION OF UNLICENSED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION - SPECIAL PROCEEDING BY ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ENJOIN FRAUDULENT OR ILLEGAL ACTS UNDER EXECUTIVE LAW § 63(12) - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION PROPERLY REINSTATED THE STATE'S CAUSE OF ACTION PURPORTING TO ALLEGE FRAUD UNDER EXECUTIVE LAW § 63(12) AS AN INDEPENDENT CAUSE OF ACTION - APPLICABILITY OF RESIDUAL SIX-YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS IN CPLR 213(1) - NECESSITY TO ESTABLISH ELEMENTS OF SCIENTER AND RELIANCE; AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT PROPERLY DISMISSED RESPONDENTS' AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES IN PART; DISCOVERY - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT PROPERLY DENIED RESPONDENTS' REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY IN PART;

PEREZ (RAFAEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - WHETHER THE POLICE, WHO WERE INVESTIGATING A PATTERN OF ROBBERIES AT A NEW YORK HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING, WERE JUSTIFIED IN MAKING AN INVESTIGATORY STOP OF DEFENDANT AND IN SUBSEQUENTLY SEARCHING DEFENDANT FOR A WEAPON; IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT - WHETHER THE SHOW UP IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE WAS UNDULY SUGGESTIVE; CONFESSION - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S STATEMENTS TO POLICE WERE SPONTANEOUS; SENTENCE - WHETHER VACATUR OF DEFENDANT'S SENTENCE ON A CRIME FOR WHICH HE WAS SENTENCED AS A SECOND FELONY OFFENDER WAS WARRANTED WHERE THE SENTENCE ON THE PREDICATE CRIME WAS VACATED AND THE MATTER REMANDED FOR A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER DETERMINATION;

PERRY (ROBERT), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - EVIDENCE - DNA IDENTIFICATION TESTS - PROPRIETY OF DENIAL OF MOTION FOR FORENSIC DNA TESTING - WHETHER DEFENDANT SATISFIED THE "REASONABLE PROBABILITY" STANDARD FOR FORENSIC DNA TESTING UNDER CPL 440.30 - WHETHER A COURT MAY CONSIDER EVIDENCE OUTSIDE THE TRIAL RECORD ON A CPL 440.30 MOTION;

PILARZ, MATTER OF v HELFER &c.:

Constitutional Law--Due Process of Law--Whether section 307-8(D) of the Code of the City of Buffalo, pertaining to the hearing required after a not guilty plea to a parking violation, is facially unconstitutional; alleged due process violation;

PRINCES POINT LLC v MUSS DEVELOPMENT LLC, et al.:

VENDOR AND PURCHASER - CONTRACT FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY - WHETHER PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER OF REAL PROPERTY COMMITS ANTICIPATORY BREACH OF CONTRACT BY COMMENCING AN ACTION AGAINST SELLERS FOR RESCISSION OF THE CONTRACT BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE - WHETHER SELLERS ARE REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH THAT THEY ARE READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO CLOSE AFTER BUYER'S ANTICIPATORY BREACH IN ORDER TO RETAIN THE DEPOSIT AND CERTAIN OTHER PAYMENTS AS LIQUIDATED DAMAGES;

PROMETHEUS REALTY CORP., et al., MATTER OF v NEW YORK CITY WATER BOARD, et al.:

Municipal Corporations--Water and Sewer Rates--Whether respondent Water Board's actions in approving a rate increase and one-time credit for certain ratepayers was ultra vires and without a rational basis;

ROMAIN v O'CONNOR, et al.:

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REYES (CASIMIRO), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Conspiracy--Evidence--sufficiency of evidence--whether the evidence was sufficient to support the conviction of defendant for conspiracy to commit an arson committed by a street gang where defendant gang member was present at meetings where the gang members planned and discussed the arson--Penal Law § 105--element of agreement with others to engage in or cause the performance of criminal conduct;

R. F. SCHIFFMANN ASSOCIATES, INC., et al. v BAKER & DANIELS LLP, et al.:

Interest--Prejudgment interest (CPLR 5001); Contract--late payment fees--invoices sent to law firm for consulting expert services--whether the Appellate Division erred in failing to award prejudgment interest and late payment fees to plaintiffs;

ROBERTS (KERRI), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - EVIDENCE - SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE - IDENTITY THEFT (PENAL LAW § 190.79 [3]) - WHETHER THERE WAS PROOF THAT DEFENDANT ASSUMED THE VICTIM'S IDENTITY IN ADDITION TO USING HER DRIVER'S LICENSE AND CREDIT CARD INFORMATION;

ROCKTASCHEL (KEVIN), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Sex Offenders--Sex Offender Registration Act--whether sex offender failed to properly notify the New York State Attorney General of his constitutional challenge to the Sex Offender Registration Act, as required under Executive Law § 71; whether retroactive application of a 2006 amendment to the Sex Offender Registration Act, which extended from 10 to 20 years the period of registration required for level one sex offenders (see Correction Law § 168-h), violates due process;

RODRIGUEZ v CITY OF NEW YORK:

NEGLIGENCE - COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE - WHETHER PLAINTIFF WAS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH THE ABSENCE OF COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON THE ISSUE OF LIABILITY;

RUSH (TERRIE J.), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Identity Theft--Sufficiency and Weight of Evidence--whether the evidence was legally sufficient to support defendant's conviction of identity theft in the first degree; whether, under Penal Law § 190.80(3), the assumption of a person's identity is a discrete element that must be proved; whether use of the term "thereby" in Penal Law § 190.80(3) requires that the assumption of a person's identity precede commission of another felony--Right to Public Trial--whether closure of the courtroom was trivial and therefore did not violate defendant's right to a public trial;

SANCHEZ (ALADDIN), PEOPLE v, a/k/a SHAGS:

Crimes--Instructions--whether County Court properly denied defendant's request for a justification charge;

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Contracts--Construction--Whether the Appellate Division properly applied law of the case doctrine in electing not to re-examine its prior determination interpreting a disputed contract provision; summary judgment--whether defendants raised triable issues of fact precluding summary judgment; attorneys' fees--whether the trial court properly awarded attorneys' fees pursuant to the terms of the parties' transactional documents; interest--whether the trial court properly calculated interest due to plaintiffs;

SCAVETTA et al. v WECHSLER:

Animals--Liability for Injuries--Whether a negligence claim may be asserted against a dog owner who attached the dog's leash to unsecured bike rack, which was put into motion when the dog fled and which eventually struck plaintiff, causing injuries;

CITY OF SCHENECTADY, MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD (PERB):

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Crimes--Right to representation pro se--Whether defendant unequivocally invoked his right to proceed pro se--request to proceed pro se with standby counsel; notice of defendant's intent to present psychiatric evidence solely to aid jury in determining whether post-Miranda statements to police were knowing and voluntary--CPL 250.10;

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SMITH (DWIGHT), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - APPEAL - WAIVER OF RIGHT TO APPEAL - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO APPEAL WAS INVALID - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - WHETHER THE DENIAL OF DEFENDANT'S REQUESTS FOR A LAWYER DURING PRETRIAL PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING A DNA TEST VIOLATED DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO COUNSEL - WHETHER DISMISSAL OF THE INDICTMENT IS THE PROPER REMEDY FOR THE DEPRIVATION OF COUNSEL;

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SPOSITO (JOSEPH), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - TRIAL COUNSEL'S WAIVER OF A HUNTLEY HEARING, RESULTING IN THE ADMISSION AT TRIAL OF A HIGHLY PREJUDICIAL VIDEOTAPED STATEMENT; DNA TESTING - POST-CONVICTION RELIEF - WHETHER COUNTY COURT PROPERLY DENIED DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR DNA TESTING;

STATE OF NEW YORK, MATTER OF v FLOYD Y.:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - CIVIL COMMITMENT OR SUPERVISION - MENTAL ABNORMALITY - WHETHER LEGALLY SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE SUPPORTED THE JURY'S FINDING THAT RESPONDENT HAS SERIOUS DIFFICULTY CONTROLLING HIS SEXUAL MISCONDUCT UNDER MATTER OF STATE OF NEW YORK v DONALD DD. (24 NY3d 174 [2014]);

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Libel and Slander--Privilege-- whether statements made by defendants to a Food and Drug Administration investigator during the course of an investigation into the hospital's institutional review board are protected by an absolute privilege in an action for defamation;

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Crimes--Right to Jury Trial--Whether defendant was entitled to a jury trial, despite that he was only being tried for class B misdemeanors carrying maximum sentences of 90 days, because he was subject to deportation if convicted of a crime of domestic violence; constitutionality of CPL 340.40;

TERRANOVA, MATTER OF v LEHR:

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - THIRD PARTY ACTION - WHETHER CLAIMANT, WHO SUSTAINED A WORK-RELATED INJURY AND OBTAINED A SCHEDULE LOSS OF USE AWARD, WAS ENTITLED TO ONGOING PAYMENTS FOR LITIGATION EXPENSES INCURRED IN AN ACTION AGAINST A THIRD-PARTY TORTFEASOR;

LISA T., MATTER OF v KING E. T.:

Parent, Child and Family--Order of Protection--Whether Family Court erred in imposing an order of protection upon a finding that respondent willfully violated two temporary orders of protection--sufficiency of proof of violation of temporary orders of protection--Family Court Act § 846-a;

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Arbitration--Agreement to Arbitrate--Forum--whether courts have the power, after vacating an arbitral award based on "evident partiality" related to the forum, to order rehearing in a forum other than that provided for in the parties' arbitration agreement;

TOMHANNOCK, LLC v ROUSTABOUT RESOURCES, LLC:

Specific Performance--When Remedy Appropriate--Whether plaintiff, which entered into an option agreement whereby buyers of a parcel of real property agreed to reconvey a portion of the parcel to plaintiff upon plaintiff's request, was entitled to specific performance of the option agreement despite the fact that plaintiff was unable to record the necessary deed due to a failure to obtain subdivision approval;

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Contracts--Breach or Performance of Contract--"Put-back" action involving residential mortgage backed securities--whether a breach notice is required when the underlying contract claim is based on defendant's independent discovery or knowledge of nonconforming mortgages--whether late breach notice can relate back in time to the commencement of the underlying action in order to avoid dismissal; demand requirement contained within accrual clause of loan sale agreement--CPLR 203(f);

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Limitation of Actions--Commencement of action after termination of prior action--where complaint was dismissed because plaintiff failed to satisfy a condition precedent and plaintiff lacked standing to sue, whether CPLR 205(a) applies to allow trustee, which was substituted as plaintiff, to commence a new action; whether trustee may rely on relation-back doctrine of CPLR 203(f);

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION &c. v DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC. (A.D. DOCKET NO. 1679):

Contracts--Conditions Precedent--Where plaintiff trustee failed to comply with a contractual condition precedent to bringing suit, whether the timely claims were properly dismissed without prejudice to refileing pursuant to CPLR 205(a); limitation of actions--commencement of action after termination of prior action;

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Negligence--Proximate Cause--Slip and fall on grease on planks used as makeshift ramp to descend from top of building to a scaffold--prima facie showing that fall was covered by Labor Law § 240 (1)--whether defendants raised an issue of fact as to whether plaintiff was the sole proximate cause of the accident because he chose to use the planks instead of using or constructing a proper ramp; summary judgment;

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Municipal Corporations--Fire Districts--Dissolution--Whether respondent Town's dissolution plan for a fire protection district complied with General Municipal Law, article 17-A;

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Crimes--Possession of Weapon--Whether "place of business" exception of Penal Law § 265.03 (3) should apply to defendant restaurant manager who brought an unlicensed handgun to work and shot himself in the leg--employees prohibited from bringing firearms to work;

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WIGGINS (REGINALD), PEOPLE v:

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WILLIAMS, MATTER OF v CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.:

Schools--Teachers--Where a teacher discussed potential romantic interest in students' female relatives, whether the arbitrator's penalty of termination shocks the conscience;

WILSON (THEODORE), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Assault--Whether legally sufficient evidence supports defendant's conviction for depraved indifference assault; claimed due process violation regarding court's response to a jury note;

NATASHA W., MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, et al.:

SOCIAL SERVICES - REGISTER OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT - WHETHER THE STATE PROVED, BY A FAIR PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE, THAT PETITIONER MALTREATED HER CHILD BY USING THE CHILD TO FACILITATE COMMITTING A CRIME;

WRIGHT (PHILLIP), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - PERSISTENT VIOLENT FELONY OFFENDER - WHETHER THE ADJUDICATION OF DEFENDANT AS A PERSISTENT FELONY OFFENDER WAS BASED ON NON-JURY FINDINGS IN VIOLATION OF THE RULE SET FORTH IN APPENDI v NEW JERSEY (530 US 466) AND ITS PROGENY; JURORS - WHETHER SUPREME COURT ERRED IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S CHALLENGES FOR CAUSE TO THREE PROSPECTIVE JURORS - FAILURE TO OBTAIN UNEQUIVOCAL ASSURANCES FROM JURORS REGARDING IMPARTIALITY;

W. (TERI), PEOPLE v:

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