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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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ABACUS FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK v ADT SECURITY SERVICES, INC., et al.:
NEGLIGENCE - BREACH OF CONTRACT - ACTION BY BANK TO RECOVER DAMAGES AGAINST SECURITY AND ALARM COMPANIES FOR LOSSES RESULTING FROM A BURGLARY - WHETHER PLAINTIFF STATED CAUSES OF ACTION FOR COMMON LAW GROSS NEGLIGENCE AND BREACH OF CONTRACT THAT ARE NOT BARRED BY EXCULPATORY CLAUSES IN THE ALARM CONTRACTS; DISMISSAL AND NONSUIT; WHETHER BANK HAS STANDING TO SUE FOR LOSSES INCURRED BY SAFE DEPOSIT CUSTOMERS AS A RESULT OF BURGLARY;

ADLER et al. v BAYER et al.: (Cal. Date - 10/19/11)
INSURANCE - NO-FAULT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE - SERIOUS INJURY - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE DID NOT EXIST TO ALLOW A REASONABLE TRIER OF FACT TO FIND THAT PLAINTIFF SUSTAINED A SERIOUS INJURY UNDER THE "PERMANENT CONSEQUENTIAL LIMITATION CATEGORY" OF INSURANCE LAW § 5102(d) BECAUSE PLAINTIFF FAILED TO "SHOW THE DURATION OF THE ALLEGED INJURY AND THE EXTENT OR DEGREE OF THE LIMITATIONS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH";

AGINA (ALAA), PEOPLE v:
CRIMES - EVIDENCE - PRIOR BAD ACTS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT PRIOR BAD ACTS WERE NOT ADMISSIBLE TO PROVE THE PERPETRATOR'S IDENTITY THROUGH A UNIQUE MODUS OPERANDI WHERE THE VICTIM WAS DEFENDANT'S WIFE BUT DEFENDANT DENIED INFLECTING THE INJURIES;

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL et al., MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL RETARDATION and DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES et al.:
DISCLOSURE - MEDICAL RECORDS AND REPORTS - ACCESS BY PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCIES TO MENTAL HYGIENE FACILITY CLINICAL RECORDS; MENTAL HYGIENE LAW §§ 33.13(c)(4) and 45.09(b) - COMBINED ARTICLE 78 PROCEEDING AND ACTION PURSUANT TO 42 USC § 1983; PARTIAL DISMISSAL OF PETITION/COMPLAINT;

ALEXANDER (HANS), PEOPLE v:
CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - VOLUNTARINESS OF A GUILTY PLEA CONDITIONED ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF PENDING SPEEDY TRIAL CLAIM;

ALVAREZ (LUIS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO PUBLIC TRIAL - CLOSURE OF COURTROOM - TRIAL COURT EXCLUDED DEFENDANT'S FAMILY MEMBERS FROM THE COURTROOM DURING THE JURY VOIR DIRE DUE TO LACK OF SEATING;

ASSURED GUARANTY (UK) LTD. &c. v J.P. MORGAN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, INC.:

INSURANCE - REINSURANCE - BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY - FRAUD - WHETHER COMMON LAW CAUSES OF ACTION FOR BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AND GROSS NEGLIGENCE ARE PREEMPTED BY NEW YORK STATE'S MARTIN ACT (GENERAL BUSINESS LAW §§ 352-359) - ACTION AGAINST INVESTMENT MANAGER OF ASSETS OF REINSURANCE COMPANY;

BABA-ALI v STATE OF NEW YORK:

STATE - CLAIM AGAINST STATE - ACTION TO RECOVER DAMAGES FOR UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT - NONPECUNIARY DAMAGES - PAST AND FUTURE LOST EARNINGS; WHETHER PROSECUTOR'S FAILURE TO TURN OVER A POTENTIALLY EXCULPATORY DOCUMENT TO DEFENSE COUNSEL UNTIL DAY BEFORE TRIAL CAN CONSTITUTE "FRAUD OR MISREPRESENTATION" FOR PURPOSES OF COURT OF CLAIMS ACT SECTION 8-b;

BAKER, MATTER OF v POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, et al.:

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW - HEARING - CPLR ARTICLE 78 PROCEEDING TO REVIEW A DETERMINATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - WHETHER TWO BOARD MEMBERS WHO TESTIFIED AT THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BUSINESS MANAGER SHOULD HAVE DISQUALIFIED THEMSELVES FROM REVIEWING THE HEARING OFFICER'S DETERMINATION FINDING PETITIONER GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT AND/OR INCOMPETENCE; CIVIL SERVICE LAW § 75; BACK PAY AND BENEFITS;

BAYGOLD ASSOCIATES, INC. v CONGREGATION YETEV LEV OF MONSEY, INC. (AND ANOTHER ACTION):

LANDLORD AND TENANT - WHETHER A TENANT IS ENTITLED TO EQUITABLE RELIEF WHERE IT HAS FAILED TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE RENEWAL PROVISIONS IN ITS LEASE;

BEAZER v NEW YORK CITY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORP., et al.:

NEGLIGENCE - DUTY - DUTY OF BAILOR TO BAILEE - PERSONAL INJURY ACTION ARISING FROM INJURIES PLAINTIFF SUSTAINED WHILE USING ALLEGEDLY DEFECTIVE, UNGUARDED POWER GRINDER OWNED BY DEFENDANT CONTRACTOR ON A PROJECT FOR WHICH PLAINTIFF'S EMPLOYER SERVED AS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER - EXISTENCE OF MATERIAL ISSUES OF FACT AS TO WHETHER THERE WAS A BAILMENT OF THE GRINDER AND, IF SO, WHETHER THE BAILMENT WAS GRATUITOUS OR FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT - DEFENDANT'S ENTITLEMENT TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT;

BECKER, et al., ESTATE OF v MURTAGH, et al.:

ADVERSE POSSESSION - HOSTILE POSSESSION; EASEMENT BY PRESCRIPTION;
DISPUTE CONCERNING BOARDWALK AND DOCK ON BEACHFRONT LOT; DOCTRINE
OF PRACTICAL LOCATION OF A BOUNDARY LINE;

BECOATS (COREY), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 9/15/11)

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CORRECTLY HELD THAT THE TRIAL COURT DID NOT ABUSE ITS DISCRETION
IN REFUSING TO GRANT DEFENDANT AN ADJOURNMENT TO SECURE THE
ATTENDANCE OF A WITNESS WHO WAS IN FEDERAL CUSTODY; CLAIM THAT
ROBBERY COUNT WAS DUPLICITOUS BECAUSE DEFENDANT WAS CHARGED WITH
STEALING "A BB GUN AND/OR A PAIR OF SNEAKERS" - PRESERVATION;

BEDESSIE (KHEMWATTIE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - EVIDENCE - HEARSAY EVIDENCE - ADMISSIBILITY OF STATEMENTS
MADE TO A TREATING PHYSICIAN BY CHILD'S MOTHER AS TO WHAT HER SON
TOLD HER TRANSPIRED WITH A DAY CARE CENTER EMPLOYEE; EXPERT
TESTIMONY - FALSE CONFESSIONS - WHETHER TRIAL COURT'S EXCLUSION OF
EXPERT TESTIMONY ON FALSE CONFESSIONS WAS AN ABUSE OF DISCRETION;
CLAIMED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL - FAILURE TO OBJECT TO
BOLSTERING HEARSAY FROM COMPLAINANT'S MOTHER AND FAILURE TO
IMPEACH CERTAIN WITNESSES;

BIRNBAUM, MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR et al.:

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CIVIL SERVICE - COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS - LEAVE FOR ORDINARY
DISABILITY - WHETHER CIVIL SERVICE LAW § 72 APPLIES ONLY TO
EMPLOYEES PLACED ON INVOLUNTARY LEAVE FROM AN "ACTIVE" STATUS OR
ALSO TO EMPLOYEES PLACED ON INVOLUNTARY LEAVE FROM VOLUNTARY SICK
LEAVE STATUS;

BISSELL, MATTER OF v TOWN OF AMHERST, et al.:

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LITIGATION COSTS - FUTURE MEDICAL PAYMENTS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE
DIVISION ERRED IN DISALLOWING PETITIONER FROM PRESENTLY RECOVERING
FROM THE NEW YORK STATE INSURANCE FUND THOSE LITIGATION COSTS
TRACEABLE TO THE FUTURE MEDICAL EXPENSES THAT PETITIONER RECOVERED
IN A PERSONAL INJURY ACTION - WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW §§ 13(a),
29(1) - MATTER OF KELLY v STATE INS. FUND (60 NY2d 131 [1983]);

BLAUDZIUNAS, et al. v EGAN, et al.:

RELIGIOUS CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS - DETERMINATION OF CLAIM
TO REAL PROPERTY - RELIGIOUS CORPORATION LAW § 5 - DECISION OF
ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP AND TRUSTEES OF SUPPRESSED INCORPORATED
PARISH TO DEMOLISH CHURCH BUILDING; STANDING OF PARISHIONERS;

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GARRISON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT v
GREEK ARCHDIOCESE OF INSTITUTE OF ST. BASIL:

SCHOOLS - TUITION FOR NONRESIDENTS - RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR COSTS OF EDUCATING CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT RESIDENTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUT ARE PLACED AT A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE FACILITY LOCATED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT - SCOPE OF EDUCATION LAW § 4002(1);

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF COPLEY COURT CONDOMINIUM, MATTER OF v TOWN OF
OSSINING:

TAXATION - ASSESSMENT - JUDICIAL REVIEW - FAILURE TO SERVE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT - WHETHER PETITIONER'S "GEOGRAPHICAL MISTAKE" IN SERVING PETITIONS ON THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OF A NEIGHBORING SCHOOL DISTRICT, RATHER THAN ON THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH IT OWNS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, CONSTITUTED "GOOD CAUSE" TO EXCUSE ITS FAILURE TO SERVE THE CORRECT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TO ALLOW IT TO EFFECT SUCH SERVICE NUNC PRO TUNC - RPTL 708(3);

BONOMONTE v CITY OF NEW YORK:

NEGLIGENCE - DUTY - PROXIMATE CAUSE - PLAINTIFF CITY EMPLOYEE, ALREADY ON SICK LEAVE DUE TO SURGERY ON HIS ARM, SLIPPED AND FELL ON HIS WAY TO MANDATED DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT AT THE EMPLOYER'S CLINIC; SUMMARY JUDGMENT;

BORDELEAU et al. v STATE OF NEW YORK et al.:

(Cal. Date - 10/12/11)

STATE - APPROPRIATIONS - DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION BY TAXPAYERS SEEKING TO ENJOIN DEFENDANTS FROM DISTRIBUTING OR RECEIVING STATE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN PURPORTED VIOLATION OF THE NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITION AGAINST GIFTS OR LOANS OF STATE MONEY TO PRIVATE ENTITIES (ARTICLE VII, § 8[1]) AND REQUIREMENT THAT APPROPRIATIONS DISTINCTLY SPECIFY THE OBJECT OR PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED (ARTICLE VII, § 7) - APPROPRIATIONS OF STATE FUNDS TO PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATIONS THAT PROVIDE GRANTS TO PRIVATE ENTITIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - WHETHER DEFENDANTS WERE ENTITLED TO DISMISSAL OF THE COMPLAINT PURSUANT TO CPLR 3211(a)(1) AND (7);

BRADSHAW (JAY JOMAR), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - APPEAL - WAIVER OF RIGHT TO APPEAL - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S WAIVER OF HIS RIGHT TO APPEAL WAS KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY;

BROWN (NADIRAH), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 9/8/11)

CRIMES - ASSAULT - SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE TO ESTABLISH THAT DEFENDANT ACTED RECKLESSLY - HOT WATER THROWN ON DEFENDANT'S NEPHEW; ALLEGED PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT;

BUENO (CHRISTIAN), PEOPLE V: (Cal. Date - 10/11/11)
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 TECHNICIAN GETTING INTO AMBULANCE - REQUISITE INTENT - PENAL LAW §
 120.05(3) - SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE THAT DEFENDANT INTENDED TO
 INTERFERE WITH THE TECHNICIAN'S PERFORMANCE OF A LAWFUL DUTY;

BURKHART v MODICA, et al.:

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 ACTION BASED ON, AMONG OTHER THINGS, JUDICIARY LAW §§ 487(1) AND
 475 AND SEEKING TO RECOVER DAMAGES BASED ON ALLEGATIONS THAT
 PLAINTIFF WAS UNLAWFULLY DEPRIVED OF ATTORNEYS' FEES CLAIMED TO
 HAVE BEEN EARNED BY REPRESENTING A CLIENT IN A FEDERAL ACTION;
 SANCTIONS; CLAIMED DUE PROCESS VIOLATIONS;

BUXENBAUM, MATTER OF v FULMER:

PARENT AND CHILD - CUSTODY - MODIFICATION OF CUSTODY - FAMILY
 COURT ORDER PROHIBITING MOTHER FROM TELLING HER CHILD CERTAIN
 INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD'S PATERNITY; INDIGENT MOTHER'S RIGHT
 TO COUNSEL;

CAPPELLINO, MATTER OF v BAUMANN & SONS BUS COMPANY et al.:

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - CAUSAL RELATION - WHETHER AN EMPLOYER THAT
 DOES NOT TIMELY FILE A NOTICE OF CONTROVERSY PURSUANT TO WORKERS'
 COMPENSATION LAW § 25(2)(b) MAY CONTEST BEFORE THE WORKERS'
 COMPENSATION BOARD (WCB) THE CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DEATH
 OF CLAIMANT'S DECEDENT AND HIS EMPLOYMENT; CHALLENGE TO WCB'S
 DECISION THAT CLAIMANT'S APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF AN
 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S PRECLUSION OF TESTIMONY FROM CLAIMANT'S
 MEDICAL EXPERT WAS UNTIMELY; LEGAL STANDARD APPLICABLE TO WORKERS'
 COMPENSATION CLAIMS ARISING FROM HEART ATTACK FATALITIES;
 EXISTENCE OF SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE SUPPORTING WCB'S DECISION;

CASS (MICKEY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - EVIDENCE - PRIOR BAD ACTS - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED
 IN ADMITTING INTO EVIDENCE DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT REGARDING HIS
 ROLE IN A PRIOR HOMICIDE WHERE ANOTHER MALE VICTIM WAS STRANGLERED,
 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPROVING DEFENDANT'S CLAIM THAT HE WAS ACTING
 UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF EXTREME EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE WHEN HE
 STRANGLERED THE VICTIM IN THIS CASE; CLAIMED VIOLATION OF DUE
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THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK v McGRAHAM:

(Cal. Date - 10/12/11)

ARBITRATION - CONFIRMING OR VACATING AWARD - AWARD FINDING TEACHER
 GUILTY OF SERIOUS MISCONDUCT UNBECOMING A PERSON IN THE POSITION
 OF TEACHER AND IMPOSING A PENALTY OF 90 DAYS SUSPENSION WITHOUT
 PAY AND REASSIGNMENT - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION ORDER
 HOLDING THAT NO BASIS EXISTED "UPON WHICH [SUPREME] COURT SHOULD
 HAVE DISTURBED THE HEARING OFFICER'S DETERMINATION" REGARDING THE
 PENALTY IMPOSED;

CLYDE (RAYMOND), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 10/20/11)

CRIMES - ATTEMPTED RAPE IN THE FIRST DEGREE - SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE; TRIAL - PHYSICALLY RESTRAINED DEFENDANT - LEG SHACKLES - APPLICABILITY OF HARMLESS ERROR ANALYSIS; WITNESS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT THE TRIAL COURT ABUSED ITS DISCRETION IN REFUSING TO PRECLUDE THE PROSECUTOR FROM QUESTIONING MEDICAL EXPERTS ON THE ISSUE WHETHER THE VICTIM'S INJURIES MET THE LEGAL DEFINITIONS OF PHYSICAL INJURY AND SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY SET FORTH IN THE PENAL LAW;

COLLINS, MATTER OF v DUKES PLUMBING & SEWER, INC.:

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION - AGGREGATE TRUST FUND - WHETHER THE 2007 AMENDMENTS TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW § 27(2) REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO DEPOSIT THE PRESENT VALUE OF UNCAPPED PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY (PPD) AWARDS INTO THE AGGREGATE TRUST FUND - APPLICATION TO CLAIMS WITH A DATE OF DISABILITY/INJURY PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2007 BUT WITH A PPD CLASSIFICATION AFTER THAT DATE;

COLEMAN v DAINES &c, et al.:

SOCIAL SERVICES - PROCEEDING AGAINST BODY OR OFFICER - PETITION SEEKING RELIEF AS A RESULT OF RESPONDENTS' HANDLING OF PETITIONER'S APPLICATION FOR MEDICAID HOME CARE SERVICES; SOCIAL SERVICES LAW § 133; MOOTNESS - EXCEPTION TO MOOTNESS DOCTRINE; ADMINISTRATIVE LAW - FAILURE TO EXHAUST ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES;

CORSELLO et al. v VERIZON NEW YORK, INC., &c., et al.:

EMINENT DOMAIN - INVERSE CONDEMNATION - MULTI-PROPERTY TELEPHONE SERVICE TERMINALS AFFIXED TO INDIVIDUAL BUILDINGS - WHETHER INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DAMAGES FOR INVERSE CONDEMNATION OR FOR A VIOLATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS LAW § 349; STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS; PARTIES - CLASS CERTIFICATION;

CPS OPERATING COMPANY LLC v PATHMARK STORES, INC.:

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 STANDBY COUNSEL - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN ALLOWING
 DEFENDANT TO REPRESENT HIMSELF - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S ACCESS TO
 STANDBY COUNSEL WAS SO LIMITED AS TO BE AN INFRINGEMENT ON HIS
 RIGHT TO COUNSEL OR DUE PROCESS;

CREDLE (DONDI), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 9/6/11)
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 REQUIRED TO OBTAIN COURT AUTHORIZATION UNDER CPL 190.75 TO
 PRESENT THE CASE TO A DIFFERENT GRAND JURY WHERE THE PEOPLE
 WITHDREW A FULLY PRESENTED CASE TO A FIRST GRAND JURY WHICH
 VOTED "NO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION" (i.e., NOT ENOUGH VOTES TO INDICT
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CRUZ (GERALDO), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 10/20/11)
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 WHETHER TRIAL COURT CONDUCTED SUFFICIENT INQUIRY ON FACTS
 WARRANTING RESTRAINT; JURY NOTE - WHETHER TRIAL COURT GAVE
 MEANINGFUL RESPONSES TO JURY'S WRITTEN REQUESTS DURING
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CUOMO, PEOPLE &c, By v FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION, et al.:
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 APPRAISALS - WHETHER(1) THE HOME OWNER'S LENDING ACT OF 1933
 (12 USC § 1461 ET SEQ.), (2) THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS REFORM,
 RECOVERY AND ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1989 (Pub. L 101-73, 103 Stat
 183), AND (3) THE REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES IMPLEMENTED
 PURSUANT THERETO PREEMPT STATE REGULATIONS IN THE FIELD OF REAL
 ESTATE APPRAISALS; ATTORNEY GENERAL - ENJOINING FRAUDULENT OR
 ILLEGAL ACTS - WHETHER THE COMPLAINT STATES A CAUSE OF ACTION
 UNDER GENERAL BUSINESS LAW § 349 WITH RESPECT TO ALLEGEDLY
 FRAUDULENT RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS;

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 INJURIES SUSTAINED BY PLAINTIFF WHILE ROLLERBLADING WHEN SHE
 ALLEGEDLY TRIPPED OVER A TWO-INCH HEIGHT DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN
 APRON AT END OF INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS' DRIVEWAY AND CULVERT
 THAT SEPARATED DRIVEWAY FROM PUBLIC ROADWAY - WHETHER THE
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 CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS CASE, THE DOCTRINE

DAHAR v HOLLAND LADDER & MANUFACTURING CO., et al.:
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 FROM A LADDER AT HIS EMPLOYER'S SHOP WHILE HE WAS READYING A
 FABRICATED COMPONENT PART FOR SHIPMENT - WHETHER THE APPELLATE

DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT PLAINTIFF WAS NOT PERFORMING AN ACTIVITY PROTECTED BY LABOR LAW § 240(1) BECAUSE HE WAS ENGAGED IN THE NORMAL MANUFACTURING PROCESS AT A FACTORY AND WAS NOT PERFORMING WORK ON THE BUILDING ITSELF - WHETHER PLAINTIFF'S WORK ON A FABRICATED COMPONENT PART CONSTITUTED THE PROTECTED ACTIVITY OF "CLEANING" A "STRUCTURE" - PLAINTIFF'S ENTITLEMENT TO PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON LIABILITY UNDER LABOR LAW § 240(1) AGAINST OWNER OF PROPERTY AND OWNER OF FABRICATED COMPONENT PART;

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DICKINSON (ROBERT GUY), PEOPLE v:
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DOHERTY et al. &c. v MERCHANTS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY:
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DOMBROWSKI v BULSON:
ATTORNEY AND CLIENT - MALPRACTICE - WRONGFUL CRIMINAL CONVICTION - AVAILABILITY OF NONPECUNIARY DAMAGES FOR PLAINTIFF'S LOSS OF LIBERTY;

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MANUFACTURER FOR FAILURE TO EQUIP BUS WITH PASSENGER SEATBELTS - WHETHER SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE IN THE RECORD SUPPORTED JURY'S FINDING THAT BUS MANUFACTURER WAS LIABLE FOR ACCIDENT BASED UPON ITS LENGTHENING OF BUS CHASSIS, THEREBY CREATING AN IMPROPER DISTRIBUTION OF WEIGHT;

EASTSIDE EXHIBITION CORP. v 210 EAST 86TH STREET CORP.:
 LANDLORD AND TENANT - EVICTION - UNAUTHORIZED TAKING OF DEMISED PREMISES - RENT ABATEMENT - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT A COMMERCIAL TENANT WHO IS SUBJECTED TO A PARTIAL, ACTUAL EVICTION IS NOT ENTITLED TO A TOTAL RENT ABATEMENT BUT RATHER TO A PARTIAL RENT ABATEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF ITS ACTUAL DAMAGES;

ECHOSTAR SATELLITE CORP., MATTER OF v TAX APPEALS TRIBUNIAL:
 TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - WHETHER SATELLITE TELEVISION PROGRAMMING PROVIDER'S PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT IT THEN SUPPLIES TO CUSTOMERS TO ALLOW THEM ACCESS TO SATELLITE PROGRAMMING CONSTITUTE PURCHASES FOR RESALE WITHIN THE MEANING OF TAX LAW § 1101(b)(4)(i), WHICH EXEMPTS SUCH PURCHASES FOR RESALE FROM SALES AND USE TAXES;

ELRAC, MATTER OF v EXUM:
 INSURANCE - AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE - UNINSURED MOTORIST ENDORSEMENT - EMPLOYEE DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLE OWNED BY SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER IN ACCIDENT WITH UNINSURED MOTORIST - UNINSURED MOTORIST CLAIM ASSERTED BY EMPLOYEE AGAINST EMPLOYER - WHETHER EXCLUSIVITY PROVISIONS OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW PRECLUDE EMPLOYEE FROM ARBITRATING CLAIM AGAINST EMPLOYER;

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FUREY (SCOTT C.), PEOPLE v:

JURY - SELECTION OF JURY - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S CHALLENGE FOR CAUSE OF A PROSPECTIVE JUROR MARRIED TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SOCIALLY ACQUAINTED WITH EIGHT POLICE OFFICERS ON THE PROSECUTION'S WITNESS LIST - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S CHALLENGE FOR CAUSE OF A PROSPECTIVE JUROR WHO WAS UNABLE TO STATE UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT SHE COULD RENDER AN IMPARTIAL VERDICT;

GAMBLE (COREY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - EVIDENCE - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN PRECLUDING CERTAIN EVIDENCE ABOUT ONE OF THE MURDER VICTIMS; RIGHT TO COUNSEL - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS DENIED HIS RIGHT TO COUNSEL WHEN COURT OFFICERS, FOR SECURITY REASONS, WERE SEATED BEHIND DEFENDANT'S CHAIR, WHERE THEY MIGHT HEAR DEFENSE COUNSEL'S CONVERSATION WITH DEFENDANT; ALLEGED MISCONDUCT OF PROSECUTOR DURING TRIAL;

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CRIMES - APPEAL - ABSENCE OF DEFENDANT - INVOLUNTARY DEPORTATION - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN DISMISSING DEFENDANT'S APPEAL ON THE GROUND THAT HE HAD BEEN DEPORTED AND WAS NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO OBEY THE MANDATE OF THE COURT WHERE DEFENDANT SERVED HIS SENTENCE, HAD BEEN PAROLED TO THE CUSTODY OF IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, AND ARGUED ON APPEAL THAT THE EVIDENCE WAS LEGALLY INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT HIS CONVICTION;

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HARDY, MATTER OF v TRICO, et al.:
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 PRESENT VALUE OF THE UNCAPPED PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY
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 (PENAL LAW § 155.05[1]) FOR SELLING A SWIPE ON AN UNLIMITED-
 FARE METROCARD, THUS ALLOWING THE PURCHASER TO ENTER THE SUBWAY
 STATION BEYOND THE TURNSTILES WITHOUT PERMISSION OR AUTHORITY
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HOLLAND (DAVID), PEOPLE v:
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HUSSEIN, &c., et al., MATTER OF v STATE OF NEW YORK:

COURTS - RIPENESS DOCTRINE - APPEAL - ACADEMIC AND MOOT QUESTIONS - ACTION FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF BASED UPON CLAIMS THAT PLAINTIFFS' CHILDREN ARE BEING DEPRIVED OF THE RIGHT TO A SOUND BASIC EDUCATION IN VIOLATION OF NY CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE XI, § 1, BECAUSE THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHERE THEY ATTEND SCHOOL, ALL OF WHICH ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY, ARE SUBSTANTIALLY UNDERFUNDED - WHETHER PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS ARE NOT RIPE FOR REVIEW BECAUSE THEY ARE BASED UPON DATA OBTAINED BEFORE THE ENACTMENT OF EDUCATION AID REFORM LEGISLATION IN 2007 (L 2007, ch 57, as amended) OR ARE MOOT BECAUSE OF THE ENACTMENT OF SUCH LEGISLATION;

IDX CAPITAL, LLC, et al. v PHOENIX PARTNERS GROUP LLC, et al.:

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CRIMES - COMPLAINT - CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA IN THE FIFTH DEGREE (PENAL LAW § 221.10[1]) - WHETHER ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT WAS JURISDICTIONALLY DEFECTIVE BECAUSE IT DID NOT ALLEGE THAT THE MARIHUANA WAS "OPEN TO PUBLIC VIEW" OR THAT IT WAS "BURNING" PRIOR TO THE STOP; SEARCH AND SEIZURE;

JOHNSON CITY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 921 et al. and VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY, MATTER OF (PROCEEDING NO. 1); VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY and JOHNSON CITY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION LOCAL 921 IAFF, MATTER OF (PROCEEDING NO. 2):

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FIREFIGHTERS UNION PROVIDING THAT THE "VILLAGE SHALL NOT LAY-OFF ANY MEMBER OF THE BARGAINING UNIT DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT" - ALLEGED APPLICATION OF LEGAL STANDARD THAT DOES NOT COMPORT WITH THE STANDARD ANNOUNCED IN YONKERS SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD UNION OF WESTCHESTER CO., CSEA v CITY OF YONKERS (39 NY2d 964 [1976]);

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KEATING (PADRAIC), PEOPLE v:
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KENT (JAMES D.), PEOPLE v:
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KHAN (SALEEM), PEOPLE v:
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LESHER, MATTER OF v HYNES et al.:
RECORDS - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL) - MATERIALS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE - WHETHER DOCUMENTS EXCHANGED BETWEEN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH RELATE TO THE EXTRADITION FROM ISRAEL OF INDIVIDUAL INDICTED IN KINGS COUNTY ON MULTIPLE COUNTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD, ARE EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW § 87(2)(e), AS DOCUMENTS THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

INVESTIGATIONS OR AS DOCUMENTS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM DISCLOSURE BY STATE STATUTE, NAMELY CIVIL RIGHTS LAW § 50-b, WHICH PROHIBITS DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS THAT WOULD IDENTIFY THE VICTIMS OF A SEX OFFENSE;

LIFSON v CITY OF SYRACUSE et al.: (Cal. Date - 9/8/11)
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LIDEN (SCOTT), PEOPLE v:
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WOULD BE SENTENCED TO A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS AND A MAXIMUM OF 15 YEARS IN PRISON - COLLATERAL OR DIRECT CONSEQUENCES OF PLEA; PRESERVATION - WAIVER - SUFFICIENCY OF RECORD FOR APPELLATE REVIEW;

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McCAIN v STATE OF NEW YORK:
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McDOUGALL, MATTER OF v SCOPPETTA:
CIVIL SERVICE - FIREFIGHTERS - DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT THE TERMINATION OF PETITIONER'S EMPLOYMENT AS A FIREFIGHTER AND THE ATTENDANT FORFEITURE OF HIS PENSION AFTER TESTING POSITIVE FOR THE PRESENCE OF COCAINE IN HIS SYSTEM WAS SO DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE OFFENSE THAT IT SHOCKS THE JUDICIAL CONSCIENCE - PENALTY FOR VIOLATING FIRE DEPARTMENT'S "ZERO TOLERANCE" POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES;

McINTOSH (FAYOLA), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 9/6/11)
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McMANUS, PEOPLE ex rel. v HORN:
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MEDINA (JUAN), PEOPLE v:
CRIMES - INSTRUCTIONS - CHALLENGE TO INSTRUCTION NOT CONTAINING THE STATUTORY DEFINITIONS OF "DEPRIVE" AND "APPROPRIATE" SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISIONS (3) AND (4) OF PENAL LAW § 155.00; TRIAL - MISTRIAL - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION HOLDINGS THAT TRIAL COURT PROPERLY EXERCISED ITS DISCRETION (1) "WHEN IT DENIED DEFENDANT'S MISTRIAL MOTIONS MADE AFTER NOTES FROM DELIBERATING JURY INDICATED IT WAS DEADLOCKED ... AND INSTEAD

DELIVERED SEVERAL ALLEN CHARGES" AND (2) "BY NOT ASKING THE JURY ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF A VERDICT OR CONDUCTING A SEPARATE COLLOQUY WITH A POSSIBLE HOLDOUT JUROR";

MILLER (JEFFREY H.), PEOPLE v.:

CRIMES - JURORS - JURY INSTRUCTIONS - WHETHER ANNOTATIONS ON THE VERDICT SHEET INSTRUCTING THE JURY THAT, IF IT CONVICTED DEFENDANT OF INTERNATIONAL MURDER, IT WAS TO DETERMINE WHETHER "THE DEFENDANT ESTABLISHED BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT HE ACTED UNDER EXTREME EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE," EXCEEDED THE BOUNDS OF CPL 310.20(2) - IF SO, WHETHER THE CORRECT REMEDY WAS REVERSAL OF THE COUNTS UNRELATED TO THE MURDER CHARGE; HARMLESS ERROR;

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GIFTS - INTER VIVOS GIFT - DEAD MAN'S STATUTE - TESTIMONY BY PERSON FROM WHOM PETITIONER DERIVES INTEREST AS EVIDENCE OF GIFT DELIVERY - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION RULING THAT SUCH TESTIMONY WAS INADMISSIBLE UNDER CPLR 4519 AND COULD NOT BE USED TO SUPPORT PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT - EFFECT OF HANDWRITING ON BACK OF PHOTOGRAPH OF SCULPTURE BY WHICH DECEDENT PURPORTEDLY GAVE THE SCULPTURE TO PETITIONER'S ASSIGNOR; LIMITATION OF ACTIONS - WHETHER PETITIONER'S CONVERSION CLAIM IS BARRED BY THE APPLICABLE THREE-YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS;

MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT v NOVA CASUALTY COMPANY:

CONTRACTS - PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS - BONDS - PERFORMANCE BOND - ACTION ALLEGING THAT DEFENDANT CASUALTY COMPANY BREACHED PERFORMANCE BOND PROCURED FROM IT BY CONTRACTOR THAT PERFORMED CERTAIN WORK FOR PLAINTIFF SCHOOL DISTRICT BUT FAILED TO COMPLETE ALL CONTRACT WORK - WHETHER CASUALTY COMPANY WAS ENTITLED TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON ITS DEFENSE THAT PLAINTIFF'S PAYMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL) OF \$214,000 EARNED BY CONTRACTOR, MADE TO DOL TO SATISFY UNPAID WAGE CLAIMS ON AN UNRELATED PROJECT INVOLVING ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT, CONSTITUTED A FORBIDDEN DIVERSION OF TRUST FUND ASSETS UNDER LIEN LAW ARTICLE 3-a THAT DISCHARGED CASUALTY COMPANY OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE PERFORMANCE BOND; WHETHER PLAINTIFF'S \$214,000 PAYMENT TO DOL CONSTITUTED A REDUCTION OF THE BALANCE OF THE CONTRACT PRICE IN VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND; "PYRAMIDING" BY CONTRACTOR; DAMAGES - COUNSEL FEES - WHETHER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND/OR PERFORMANCE BOND ENTITLED PLAINTIFF SCHOOL DISTRICT TO AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES INCURRED IN THIS LITIGATION;

MUHAMMAD (SHAHID), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 9/13/11)
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 GUILTY OF ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE IN CONNECTION WITH THE
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 GUILTY OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IS REPUGNANT; EXPERT
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 TESTIMONY ON THE RELIABILITY OF EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION;

NEW YORK CITY HEALTH & HOSPITALS CORPORATION, MATTER OF v NEW
 YORK STATE COMMISSION ON CORRECTION:

PRISONS AND PRISONERS - COMMISSION OF CORRECTION - SUBPOENA
 SEEKING MEDICAL RECORDS OF DECEASED INMATE - WHETHER THE
 PHYSICIAN-PATIENT PRIVILEGE IN CPLR 4504 PROTECTS THE MEDICAL
 RECORDS OF A DECEASED INMATE FROM DISCLOSURE TO A STATE AGENCY
 THAT SUBPOENAED SUCH RECORDS PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORILY-
 MANDATED INVESTIGATIVE FUNCTIONS INTO THE CAUSE OF AND
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HEALTH - ADULT CARE FACILITIES - ACTION BY ASSOCIATION OF
 MEMBERS WHO OPERATE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AND ADULT HOMES
 FOR A DECLARATION THAT ITS PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR VISITOR
 ACCESS ARE ENFORCEABLE IN ADULT CARE FACILITIES;

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HEALTH - MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT - CONSTITUTIONALITY OF
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 PAID THE FULL MEDICARE PART B COINSURANCE AMOUNT FOR SERVICES
 RENDERED BETWEEN APRIL 1, 2007 AND APRIL 11, 2008 TO CERTAIN
 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BOTH MEDICAID AND MEDICARE
 BENEFITS AND/OR FOR CLAIMS PROCESSED BETWEEN APRIL 1, 2007 AND
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 REGULATION - WHETHER RESPONDENT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
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 375-2.8(a) AND 375-1.8(f)(9) - REGULATIONS WITH A STATED GOAL
 OF RESTORING CONTAMINATED INACTIVE HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES TO
 "PRE-DISPOSAL CONDITIONS" - WHETHER APPELLATE DIVISION
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FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIENS BY ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, MATTER OF v HELSETH:

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LABOR - SAFE PLACE TO WORK - RENOVATION LABORER INJURED IN FALL FROM DUMPSTER LEDGE - WHETHER WORKER WAS ENGAGED IN A PROTECTED ACTIVITY UNDER LABOR LAW § 240(1); SUMMARY JUDGMENT;

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EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIPS - WAGES - CPLR ARTICLE 78 PROCEEDING TO REVIEW DETERMINATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD OF APPEALS AFFIRMING AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR DIRECTING PETITIONERS TO PAY THE CLAIMANTS' UNPAID WAGES - WHETHER THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR ON A PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION SITE WAS THE "EMPLOYER" OF A SUBCONTRACTOR'S WORKERS AND THEREFORE LIABLE TO THOSE WORKERS FOR UNPAID WAGES WHEN THE SUBCONTRACTOR DISAPPEARED;

OVITZ v BLOOMBERG, L.P., et al.:

CONTRACTS - AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIBER CONTRACT - WHETHER A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION EXISTS PURSUANT TO GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW §§ 5-901 AND 5-903 REGARDING REQUIRED RENEWAL NOTICE, AND WHETHER PLAINTIFF STATED A CLAIM UNDER GENERAL BUSINESS LAW § 349 WHERE PLAINTIFF WAS NOT DECEIVED IN NEW YORK; CLASS ACTION;

PAGAN (DEBRA), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ROBBERY - FORCIBLE TAKING OF CASH - LEGAL SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE OF INTENT WHERE DEFENDANT ASSERTS THAT SHE FOUGHT WITH CAB DRIVER FOR MONEY UNDER THE MISTAKEN BELIEF THAT IT BELONGED TO HER - "NEGATIVE CLAIM OF RIGHT" CHARGE - TRIAL COURT'S ALLEGED ERROR IN CHARGING THE JURY THAT "THE LAW DOES NOT PERMIT ONE PERSON TO USE FORCE TO TAKE MONEY FROM ANOTHER PERSON, EVEN WHERE THE PERSON DOING THE TAKING HONESTLY BELIEVES HE OR SHE IS ENTITLED TO THE MONEY," AND IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR AN INSTRUCTION THAT WOULD ALLOW THE JURY TO FIND THAT DEFENDANT'S MISTAKE OF FACT AS TO THE OWNERSHIP OF THE MONEY NEGATED THE ELEMENT OF INTENT - PENAL LAW § 15.20(1)(a), § 155.15(1);

PAGAN (JORGE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - ORDER ENLARGING CONDITIONS OF PROBATION TO INCLUDE WARRANTLESS SEARCHES OF DEFENDANT'S HOME - CPL 410.20 and 410.50(3) - ISSUANCE OF HOME SEARCH ORDER IN ABSENCE OF REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT DEFENDANT VIOLATED CONDITIONS OF PROBATION;

PARADA (LUIS), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 9/7/11)

CRIMES - SEXUAL CONDUCT AGAINST A CHILD - ADMISSIBILITY OF STATEMENTS OF CHILD TO NURSE EXAMINER DURING EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY PROSECUTOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR AFTER ALLEGED ABUSE - WHETHER STATEMENTS MADE BY CHILD TO AUNT AND COUSIN WERE ADMISSIBLE UNDER THE "PROMPT OUTCRY" HEARSAY EXCEPTION - WHETHER DEFENSE COUNSEL'S CROSS-EXAMINATION OF POLICE DETECTIVE OPENED THE DOOR TO THE ENTIRETY OF THE CHILD'S STATEMENT TO THE DETECTIVE; EXPERT TESTIMONY REGARDING CONSISTENCY OF VICTIM'S BEHAVIOR WITH THAT OF ABUSE VICTIMS; HARMLESS ERROR;

PARKHURST, MATTER OF v UNITED RENTALS AERIAL EQUIPMENT, INC. et al.:
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WORKERS' COMPENSATION - WHETHER THE 2007 AMENDMENTS TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO DEPOSIT THE PRESENT VALUE OF THE UNCAPPED PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY AWARD INTO THE AGGREGATE TRUST FUND - WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW § 27(2);

PERINO (CHRISTOPHER), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - PERJURY - MATERIALITY OF PERJURED TESTIMONY BY DEFENDANT FORMER POLICE OFFICER REGARDING HIS QUESTIONING OF A SUSPECT - PENAL LAW § 210.05; INTENT - SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE OF DEFENDANT'S INTENT TO COMMIT PERJURY;

PERL, et al. v MEHER, et al.:

INSURANCE - NO-FAULT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE - SERIOUS INJURY - WHETHER THE AFFIDAVIT OF PLAINTIFF'S TREATING PHYSICIAN RAISED A QUESTION OF FACT TO DEFEAT SUMMARY JUDGMENT IN PERSONAL INJURY ACTION ARISING OUT OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT - "SERIOUS INJURY" WITHIN THE MEANING OF INSURANCE LAW § 5102(d); SUMMARY JUDGMENT; DISMISSAL AND NONSUIT;

PERRY (JAMES), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - JURORS - JURY INSTRUCTIONS - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S REQUEST TO CHARGE CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN THE FOURTH DEGREE AS A LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN THE SECOND DEGREE;

PESA, et al. v YOMA DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC., et al.:

CONTRACTS - BREACH OF CONTRACT - REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS - WHETHER BUYERS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVE THAT THEY WERE READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO PERFORM UNDER THE CONTRACTS IN ORDER TO SUCCEED IN AN ACTION SEEKING DAMAGES FOR SELLER'S ANTICIPATORY BREACH;

PORCO (CHRISTOPHER), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 9/13/11)

CRIMES - EVIDENCE - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN ADMITTING TESTIMONY CONCERNING VICTIM'S HEAD NOD IN RESPONSE TO POLICE

INQUIRY AT CRIME SCENE AND TESTIMONY CONCERNING AN ALLEGED PRIOR "STAGED BURGLARY" BY DEFENDANT - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN FAILING TO CONDUCT A HEARING REGARDING EVIDENCE CHALLENGED AS DERIVED FROM DEFENDANT'S SUPPRESSED STATEMENT TO THE POLICE; CLAIMED PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT;

POSNER v LEWIS et al.:

TORTS - PRIMA FACIE TORT - TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH CONTRACTUAL RELATIONS - CLAIM FOR DAMAGES AS A RESULT OF DENIAL OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER'S APPLICATION FOR TENURE;

PUTNAM/NORTHERN WESTCHESTER BOCES, MATTER OF v WESTCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION et al.:

CIVIL RIGHTS - DISCRIMINATION BASED ON MARITAL STATUS - HEALTH PLAN PROVIDING BENEFITS ONLY TO SAME-SEX DOMESTIC PARTNERS - DISCRIMINATION AGAINST OPPOSITE-SEX DOMESTIC PARTNERS - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION RULING THAT (1) COMPLAINANT FAILED TO MEET HER BURDEN TO ESTABLISH A PRIMA FACIE CASE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED UPON MARITAL STATUS BECAUSE ELIGIBILITY FOR DOMESTIC PARTNER HEALTH CARE BENEFITS DID NOT TURN ON EMPLOYEES' MARITAL STATUS, AND (2) HEALTH PLAN MET ITS BURDEN TO SET FORTH A LEGITIMATE, NONDISCRIMINATORY REASON FOR EXTENDING DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS ONLY TO SAME-SEX COUPLES WHERE THE REASON WAS THAT, UNLIKE OPPOSITE-SEX DOMESTIC PARTNERS, SAME-SEX DOMESTIC PARTNERS CANNOT OBTAIN BENEFITS OFFERED TO EMPLOYEES' SPOUSES BY BECOMING LAWFULLY MARRIED IN THIS STATE;

QOSHJA (ERMAL), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 10/13/11)

CRIMES - APPEAL - APPEAL WAIVER DOCUMENTS EXECUTED IN CONNECTION WITH GUILTY PLEA - APPELLATE DIVISION DID NOT SPECIFY WHETHER ITS AFFIRMANCE OF DEFENDANT'S JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION AND SENTENCE WAS BASED ON THE VALIDITY OF THE APPEAL WAIVER OR ITS REVIEW AND REJECTION OF DEFENDANT'S SUBSTANTIVE CLAIM REGARDING HIS SENTENCE;

QUINTO (SANTOS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - TIMELINESS OF PROSECUTION - TOLL APPLICABLE TO SEX CRIMES AGAINST CHILD LESS THAN 18 YEARS OLD (CPL 30.10[3][f]) - WHETHER COMPLAINANT "REPORTED" THE SEX CRIMES CHARGED IN THE INDICTMENT IN 2002 WHEN SHE FALSELY TOLD POLICE, INITIALLY, THAT ONE OF HER CLASSMATES RAPED HER AND, THEREAFTER, THAT SHE HAD CONSENSUAL SEX WITH THAT CLASSMATE - TOLL DURING PERIOD WHEN WHEREABOUTS OF DEFENDANT CONTINUOUSLY UNKNOWN AND UNASCERTAINABLE BY THE EXERCISE OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE (CPL 30.10[4][a][ii]) - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION HOLDING THAT TOLL PROVIDED BY CPL 30.10[4][a][ii] WAS INAPPLICABLE TO NON-SEX-RELATED MISDEMEANORS AND VIOLATIONS;

RAMIREZ v SHOATS:

NEGLIGENCE - PLAINTIFF INJURED WHEN PIECE OF CORRUGATED METAL COVERING THE UNFINISHED LANDING OF A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED STAIRWAY SLIPPED UNDER HIS FEET, CAUSING HIM TO FALL TO THE BASEMENT LEVEL OF A BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION - WHETHER STAIRWAY WAS PLAINTIFF'S SOLE MEANS OF ACCESS TO AND FROM HIS WORK AREA AND THUS WAS A SAFETY DEVICE WITHIN THE MEANING OF LABOR LAW § 240(1); RECALCITRANT WORKER; SUMMARY JUDGMENT;

RAMOS (LUIS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - MANSLAUGHTER - SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE TO ESTABLISH DEFENDANT'S GUILT OF MANSLAUGHTER IN THE FIRST DEGREE (PENAL LAW § 125.20[1]);

REDFORD et al. v CUOMO and BITTON, et al.:

STATE - CLAIM AGAINST STATE - CHALLENGE TO ORDERS OF COURT OF CLAIMS DISMISSING VARIOUS CLAIMS;

REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. v ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MIDDLETOWN:

TAXATION - ASSESSMENT - ACTION TO RECOVER TAXES PAID TO SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO ILLEGAL ASSESSMENT - TAXES PAID UNDER LETTER THAT PROTESTED ONLY CITY TAX PAYMENTS, NOT SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX PAYMENTS - EDUCATION LAW § 3813;

REID (LAMARR), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT OF CONFRONTATION - ALLEGED BRUTON VIOLATION - WHETHER DEFENDANT OPENED THE DOOR TO ADMISSION OF TESTIMONY THAT OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE BEEN BARRED BY THE CONFRONTATION CLAUSE;

RIVERS (SHERMAN), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 10/20/11)

CRIMES - HARMLESS AND PREJUDICIAL ERROR - MOLINEAUX ERROR - FIRE MARSHAL'S TESTIMONY REGARDING THE ORIGIN OF A FIRE;

ROBINSON (TERRANCE D.), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 9/8/11)

CRIMES - POSSESSION OF WEAPON - AUTOMOBILE DRIVER CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF GUN FOUND UNDER DRIVER'S SEAT - TRIAL COURT'S LIMITATION OF DEFENDANT'S DIRECT EXAMINATION - CLAIMED DUE PROCESS VIOLATION; HARMLESS ERROR; SUPPRESSION OF WEAPON - INVENTORY SEARCH;

RODRIGUEZ (ISIDRO), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 9/14/11)

CRIMES - POSSESSION OF FORGED INSTRUMENT IN THE SECOND DEGREE - FORGED IDENTITY DOCUMENTS, SOME BEARING DEFENDANT'S PHOTOGRAPH - SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE OF INTENT "TO DEFRAUD, DECEIVE OR INJURE ANOTHER" (PENAL LAW § 170.25);

RODRIGUEZ (RAFAEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - EAVESDROPPING WARRANTS - WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIREMENT (CPL 700.50[3]) - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION ORDER UPHOLDING

SUMMARY DENIAL OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO SUPPRESS EAVESDROPPING EVIDENCE UPON THE GROUND THAT "SUPPRESSION OF WIRETAP EVIDENCE ... NOTICE REQUIREMENT IS NOT WARRANTED WITHOUT A SHOWING OF PREJUDICE"; WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS ENTITLED TO A MISTRIAL UPON THE GROUND THAT THE TRIAL COURT UNDULY INTERFERED WITH DEFENSE COUNSEL'S CROSS-EXAMINATION OF AN ACCOMPLICE WHO WAS COOPERATING WITH AND TESTIFYING FOR THE PROSECUTION AND THEREBY CONVEYED TO THE JURY ITS BELIEF IN THE WITNESS'S CREDIBILITY; EVIDENCE - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN ADMITTING INTO EVIDENCE THE ON-LINE BOOKING SHEET CONTAINING DEFENDANT'S ALLEGED PHONE NUMBER;

RODRIGUEZ (SERGIO), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - CONCURRENT AND CONSECUTIVE TERMS - ILLEGAL CONSECUTIVE SENTENCE VACATED AND MATTER REMANDED TO TRIAL COURT FOR RESENTENCING - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT THE TRIAL COURT ON REMAND MAY ARRIVE LAWFULLY AT THE AGGREGATE SENTENCE IT INTENDED TO IMPOSE BY RESTRUCTURING CONCURRENT SENTENCES TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY - WHETHER RESTRUCTURING OF SENTENCES WOULD VIOLATE CPL 430.10, PENAL LAW §§ 70.25(2) AND 70.30(1)(a), DUE PROCESS AND THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DOUBLE JEOPARDY; PROSECUTOR'S ALLEGED VIOLATION OF UNSWORN WITNESS RULE DURING SUMMATION; ALLEGED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL FOR FAILING TO OBJECT TO PROSECUTOR'S REMARKS IN SUMMATION;

ROSARIO (ANGEL), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 9/7/11)

CRIMES - SEXUAL ABUSE - SEXUAL CONDUCT AGAINST A CHILD - WHETHER NOTE MINOR COMPLAINANT WROTE APPROXIMATELY 3 MONTHS AFTER DEFENDANT'S ALLEGED ABUSE ENDED WAS ADMISSIBLE UNDER THE "PROMPT OUTCRY" EXCEPTION TO THE HEARSAY RULE - ADMISSIBILITY OF COMPLAINANT'S PRIOR CONSISTENT STATEMENT;

ROSENBLUM, MATTER OF v THE NEW YORK CITY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BOARD, et al.:

SCHOOLS - TEACHERS - DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS - WHETHER THE COURTS BELOW ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT EDUCATION LAW § 3020-a PROVIDES THE EXCLUSIVE MEANS TO DISCIPLINE A TENURED PEDAGOGUE AND THAT RESPONDENT NEW YORK CITY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BOARD THEREFORE MAY NOT PROCEED WITH A TRIAL AGAINST A TENURED PEDAGOGUE BEFORE RESPONDENT NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE TRIALS AND HEARINGS FOR THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE CITY'S CONFLICTS OF INTEREST LAW;

ROSS, MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF PAROLE:

PAROLE - DENIAL; CPLR ARTICLE 78 PROCEEDING TO REVIEW DETERMINATION OF BOARD OF PAROLE DENYING PETITIONER PAROLE RELEASE - DISMISSAL OF PETITION FOR FAILURE TO SERVE RESPONDENT WITH PAPERS AS ORDERED; LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION;

RUEDA, &c., MATTER OF v CHARMAINE D.: (Cal. Date - 9/7/11)
 INCAPACITATED AND MENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS - INVOLUNTARY
 ADMISSION - WHETHER EMERGENCY ROOM PSYCHIATRIST WHO TREATED
 RESPONDENT PROPERLY APPLIED FOR HER INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION TO A
 HOSPITAL PURSUANT TO MENTAL HYGIENE LAW § 9.27 WHERE HE COULD
 HAVE APPLIED FOR SUCH ADMISSION PURSUANT TO MENTAL HYGIENE LAW
 § 9.39; MOOTNESS - APPLICABILITY OF MOOTNESS EXCEPTION;

RYAN v KELLOGG PARTNERS INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES:
 CONTRACTS - EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS - EMPLOYMENT-AT-WILL -
 ENFORCEMENT OF ALLEGED AGREEMENT FOR A BONUS - APPLICABILITY AND
 PURPORTED WAIVER OF STATUTE OF FRAUDS DEFENSE; EVIDENCE -
 CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION RULING THAT THE TRIAL COURT
 "PROVIDENTLY EXERCISED ITS DISCRETION TO PRECLUDE INQUIRY INTO
 PLAINTIFF'S FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS AT THE TIME HE ENTERED INTO THE
 ORAL AGREEMENTS WITH DEFENDANT";

SALAZAR v NOVALEX CONTRACTING CORP., et al.:

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 LABOR - SAFE PLACE TO WORK - PLAINTIFF CONSTRUCTION WORKER FELL
 INTO OPEN TRENCH WHILE WALKING BACKWARDS AND SPREADING CONCRETE
 ON BASEMENT FLOOR - AVAILABILITY OF CLAIMS UNDER LABOR LAW §§
 200, 240(1) AND 241(6); SUMMARY JUDGMENT;

SALGY, MATTER OF v HALSTED COMMUNICATIONS, et al.:

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - WHETHER THE 2007 AMENDMENTS TO THE
 WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO DEPOSIT THE
 PRESENT VALUE OF THE UNCAPPED PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY AWARD
 INTO THE AGGREGATE TRUST FUND FOR CLAIMS WITH DATES OF INJURY
 PRIOR TO MARCH 14, 2007 - WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW § 27(2);

SANTIAGO (EDWIN), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 9/13/11)

CRIMES - IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT - EXPERT TESTIMONY ON
 RELIABILITY OF EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATIONS - WHETHER MULTIPLE
 EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATIONS CAN CORROBORATE EACH OTHER; REQUESTED
 SUPPRESSION OF LINE-UP IDENTIFICATION DUE TO DISPARITY IN LOOKS
 OF THE STAND-INS;

SCHENECTADY COUNTY SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO
 ANIMALS, INC., et al., MATTER OF v MILLS:

(Cal. Date - 9/13/11)
 RECORDS - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL)- CPLR ARTICLE 78
 PROCEEDING TO REVIEW RESPONDENT'S DETERMINATION DENYING
 PETITIONERS' FOIL REQUEST FOR NAMES AND STREET ADDRESSES OF ALL
 LICENSED VETERINARIANS AND VETERINARY TECHNICIANS LOCATED IN
 SCHENECTADY COUNTY - WHETHER FOIL'S PERSONAL PRIVACY EXCEPTION
 APPLIES TO THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - NEW YORK PUBLIC OFFICERS
 LAW § 89(2)(b) - AGENCY'S INABILITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER ADDRESS
 SUBMITTED BY LICENSEE IS BUSINESS OR RESIDENTIAL;

SCHMIDT, MATTER OF v FALLS DODGE, INC. et al. [WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD]:

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - AWARD - WHETHER SCHEDULE LOSS OF USE AWARD IS SUBJECT TO NON-SCHEDULE AWARDS IN OTHER WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASES WHERE AWARDS WERE MADE AT THE MAXIMUM STATUTORY RATE AND COVER THE SAME PERIODS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW § 15(6);

SEDACCA, MATTER OF v MANGANO, et al.:

PROCEEDING AGAINST BODY OR OFFICER - PROHIBITION - WHETHER, ABSENT CAUSE, THE NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE MAY REMOVE COMMISSIONERS FROM THE NASSAU COUNTY ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR TERMS; DECLARATORY JUDGMENT; ALLEGED CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF COUNTY ATTORNEY;

SHEERAN, MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION et al.:

CIVIL SERVICE - COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS - WHETHER CIVIL SERVICE LAW § 72 APPLIES ONLY TO EMPLOYEES PLACED ON INVOLUNTARY LEAVE FROM AN "ACTIVE" STATUS OR ALSO TO EMPLOYEES PLACED ON INVOLUNTARY LEAVE FROM VOLUNTARY SICK LEAVE STATUS;

SIMKIN v BLANK:

CONTRACTS - MISTAKE - REFORMATION OF 2006 DIVORCE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT DIVIDING MARITAL PROPERTY VALUED AS OF SEPTEMBER 2004 AND CONTAINING MUTUAL RELEASES AND A MERGER CLAUSE - CAUSE OF ACTION FOR REFORMATION BASED UPON ALLEGED MUTUAL MISTAKE INVOLVING PLAINTIFF'S PURPORTED INVESTMENT ACCOUNT WITH BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES; CONTRACTS - QUASI CONTRACTS - UNJUST ENRICHMENT - AVAILABILITY WHERE NEITHER PARTY TO AGREEMENT ENGAGED IN WRONGDOING; WHETHER DOCTRINE OF FINALITY IN DIVORCE CASES AND/OR RELEASE AND INTEGRATION CLAUSE IN AGREEMENT BARS PLAINTIFF FROM SEEKING REFORMATION OF THE AGREEMENT;

SIMON et al. v USHER, et al.: (Cal. Date - 9/15/11)

TRIAL - PLACE OF TRIAL - CHANGE OF VENUE - TIMELINESS OF MOTION TO CHANGE VENUE - APPLICABILITY OF FIVE-DAY EXTENSION UNDER CPLR 2103(b)(2) TO TIME PERIOD BY WHICH DEFENDANT MUST MOVE FOR CHANGE OF VENUE UNDER CPLR 511(b);

SMITH (HOWARD K.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - DRIVING WHILE ABILITY IMPAIRED - WHEN POLICE ASKED DEFENDANT IF HE WOULD CONSENT TO A CHEMICAL SOBRIETY TEST, DEFENDANT REPEATEDLY REPLIED THAT HE WANTED TO SPEAK WITH HIS ATTORNEY - WHETHER REQUEST TO SPEAK WITH ATTORNEY CAN BE CONSIDERED A REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO TEST - ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE OF REFUSAL AT TRIAL;

SMITH (KEVIN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - PROOF OF OTHER CRIMES - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ABUSED ITS DISCRETION IN SANDOVAL HEARING BY PERMITTING THE PEOPLE TO IDENTIFY DEFENDANT'S PRIOR CONVICTIONS SHOULD DEFENDANT CHOOSE TO TESTIFY IN HIS OWN BEHALF; ATTORNEY AND CLIENT - TRIAL COURT'S REFUSAL TO ALLOW SUBSTITUTION OF NEW COUNSEL AFTER BREAKDOWN IN DEFENDANT'S RELATIONSHIP WITH COUNSEL;

SOSA (GILBERTO), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - RESENTENCING UNDER DRUG LAW REFORM ACT OF 2009 - MEANING OF "EXCLUSION OFFENSE" UNDER CPL 440.46(5)(a) - WHETHER A VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSE "FOR WHICH THE PERSON WAS PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED WITHIN THE PRECEDING TEN YEARS" MEANS CONVICTIONS WITHIN TEN YEARS PRECEDING THE DRUG OFFENSE FOR WHICH RESENTENCING IS SOUGHT OR, AS THE APPELLATE DIVISION CONCLUDED, CONVICTIONS WITHIN TEN YEARS PRECEDING THE RESENTENCING APPLICATION;

STATE OF NEW YORK v MYRON P.:

MENTAL HEALTH - PROCEEDINGS BY STATE OF NEW YORK SEEKING AN ORDER AUTHORIZING RESPONDENT'S CIVIL MANAGEMENT PURSUANT TO MENTAL HYGIENE LAW ARTICLE 10 - CONFINEMENT OF SEX OFFENDER IN SECURE FACILITY AFTER SERVICE OF PRISON TIME - INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION - RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL;

STEWART (WAYNE R.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ASSAULT - "SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY" PURSUANT TO PENAL LAW §§ 10.00(10) AND 120.10(1) - SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CONVICTION OF ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE;

STUTO v KERBER:

LABOR - HOURS AND WAGES - WHETHER BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW § 630, MAKING THE TEN LARGEST SHAREHOLDERS OF A CLOSELY HELD CORPORATION PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR UNPAID WAGES DUE TO EMPLOYEES, APPLIES TO FOREIGN CORPORATIONS;

SULLIVAN v HARNISCH, et al.:

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIPS - AT-WILL EMPLOYMENT - CLAIMED WRONGFUL DISCHARGE OF EMPLOYEE WHO MADE INTERNAL INQUIRIES INTO HIS SUPERIOR'S SECURITIES TRADING ACTIVITY - RETALIATION;

TERRACE COURT, MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL:

LANDLORD AND TENANT - RENT REGULATION - MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (MCI) RENT INCREASE - LANDLORD'S APPLICATION FOR MCI RENT INCREASE FOR PERFORMING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, POINTING, WATERPROOFING AND MASONRY WORK ON OUTSIDE OF APARTMENT BUILDING - CHALLENGE TO DETERMINATION BY NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING

AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL (DHCR) PERMANENTLY EXEMPTING FIVE APARTMENTS FROM AN MCI RENT INCREASE GRANTED AS TO THE REMAINING APARTMENTS BECAUSE A MOISTURE PROBLEM EXISTED IN THE FIVE APARTMENTS AFTER THE WORK WAS COMPLETED - WHETHER DHCR ERRED OR ACTED ARBITRARILY AND CAPRICIOUSLY IN PERMANENTLY EXEMPTING THE FIVE APARTMENTS FROM THE MCI RENT INCREASE RATHER THAN ALLOWING THE LANDLORD TO OBTAIN THE RENT INCREASE PROSPECTIVELY IF IT CORRECTED THE MOISTURE PROBLEM;

THOMAS (DANIEL), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 10/20/11)
CRIMES - IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT - BOLSTERING OF SINGLE EYEWITNESS BY PERMITTING TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE WITNESS'S OUT-OF-COURT IDENTIFICATION OF A CO-DEFENDANT; HARMLESS ERROR;

TKESHELASHVILI et al. v STATE OF NEW YORK: (Cal. Date - 10/19/11)
NEGLIGENCE - PROXIMATE CAUSE - RECKLESS CONDUCT OF PLAINTIFF - DIVING INTO SHALLOW WATER - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT PLAINTIFF'S CONDUCT IN DIVING OFF THE COLGATE LAKE DAM INTO COLGATE LAKE WAS SO RECKLESS AS TO CONSTITUTE THE SOLE PROXIMATE CAUSE OF HIS INJURY AS A MATTER OF LAW BECAUSE HE "KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN [THAT THE] WATER WAS TOO SHALLOW FOR DIVING";

TOLEDO &c. v IGLESIA NI CRISTO:
INTEREST - PREVERDICT INTEREST - PROPER METHODOLOGY FOR AWARDED PREVERDICT INTEREST ON FUTURE WRONGFUL DEATH DAMAGES - CPLR ARTICLE 50-B;

TRAVIS v BATCHI:
INSURANCE - NO-FAULT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE - SERIOUS INJURY - WHETHER THE INJURED PLAINTIFF RAISED A TRIABLE ISSUE OF FACT AS TO WHETHER SHE SUSTAINED A "SERIOUS INJURY" WITHIN THE MEANING OF INSURANCE LAW § 5102(d) - SUMMARY JUDGMENT;

TRIAx CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC v RUTTER, et al.:
CONTRACTS - AMBIGUOUS CONTRACTS - AMBIGUITY OF FINANCIAL AND RESTRUCTURING ADVISORY SERVICES CONTRACT CONTAINING PROVISION ENTITLING PLAINTIFF TO FEE IF DEFENDANTS CLOSED "WITH ANY PARTY WHO [PLAINTIFF] HAS INTRODUCED AS SET FORTH ON EXHIBIT A (AS AMENDED) DURING THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT" - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION ORDER HOLDING THAT AGREEMENT WAS NOT AMBIGUOUS;

TRUMP ON THE OCEAN, LLC, MATTER OF v CORTES-VASQUEZ et al.:
MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - ZONING - VARIANCE - DENIAL OF VARIANCE FOR PUBLIC DINING AND CATERING FACILITY AT JONES BEACH STATE PARK - VARIANCE SOUGHT FOR OCCUPIED BASEMENT TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER "DESIGN FLOOD ELEVATION";

U.S. ELECTRONICS, INC. v SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO, INC.:

(Cal. Date - 10/18/11)

ARBITRATION - LEGAL STANDARD GOVERNING APPLICATION TO VACATE AN ARBITRATION AWARD BASED ON FAILURE OF ARBITRATOR AND OPPOSING PARTY TO DISCLOSE ARBITRATOR'S ALLEGED CONFLICT OF INTEREST - FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT - "EVIDENT PARTIALITY";

VALDEZ &c., et al. v CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.:

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - TORT LIABILITY - SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP - POLICE - WHETHER WOMAN WITH ORDER OF PROTECTION, WHO ADVISED POLICE ABOUT VIOLATION OF ORDER AND WAS TOLD TO GO HOME INSTEAD OF TO HER MOTHER'S HOUSE, BECAUSE OFFENDER WOULD BE ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY, HAS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT AWARD FOR DAMAGES AFTER OFFENDER SHOT HER;

VANDOVER (JEANNE M.), PEOPLE v:

MOTOR VEHICLES - OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS - SUPPRESSION OF RESULTS OF BLOOD ALCOHOL TEST AND DEFENDANT'S STATEMENTS TO POLICE - LEGAL SUFFICIENCY OF PEOPLE'S EVIDENCE ESTABLISHING PROBABLE CAUSE FOR DEFENDANT'S ARREST;

VEGA v RESTANI CONSTRUCTION CORP., et al.:

NEGLIGENCE - PERSONAL INJURY ACTION OF MAINTENANCE WORKER WHO ATTEMPTED TO MOVE A GARBAGE CAN ALLEGEDLY CONTAINING IMPROPERLY DISCARDED CONCRETE BLOCKS; SUMMARY JUDGMENT; CONDITIONS INHERENT IN WORK; RES IPSA LOQUITUR;

VENTURA (CARLOS), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 9/8/11)

CRIMES - APPEAL - ABSENCE OF DEFENDANT - INVOLUNTARY DEPORTATION - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN DISMISSING DEFENDANT'S APPEAL ON THE GROUND THAT HE HAD BEEN DEPORTED AND WAS NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO OBEY THE MANDATE OF THE COURT WHERE DEFENDANT SERVED HIS SENTENCE, HAD BEEN PAROLED TO THE CUSTODY OF IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AND ARGUED ON APPEAL SOLELY THAT THE EVIDENCE WAS LEGALLY INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT HIS CONVICTION;

TOWN OF WATERFORD, MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION:

RECORDS - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL) - EXEMPTIONS - WHETHER FOIL'S DEFINITION OF "AGENCY" LIMITS THE APPLICATION OF THE INTER-AGENCY/INTRA-AGENCY EXEMPTION TO COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN AND BETWEEN STATE AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PRECLUDES ITS APPLICATION TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES;

WILINSKI et al. v 334 EAST 92ND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND CORP., et al.: (Cal. Date - 9/14/11)

LABOR - SAFE PLACE TO WORK - LABOR LAW § 240(1) - PLAINTIFF ALLEGEDLY HIT IN THE HEAD BY TWO VERTICAL PIPES THAT FELL OVER WHEN HIT BY DEBRIS FROM A WALL UNDERGOING DEMOLITION - CHALLENGE

TO APPELLATE DIVISION HOLDING THAT, "SINCE BOTH PIPES AND PLAINTIFF 'WERE AT THE SAME LEVEL AT THE TIME OF THE COLLAPSE [OF THE PIPES,] THE INCIDENT WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO ELEVATION DIFFERENTIALS TO WARRANT IMPOSITION OF LIABILITY PURSUANT TO LABOR LAW § 240(1)' - APPLICABILITY AND CONTINUING VIABILITY OF MISSERITTI v MARK IV CONSTR. CO. (86 NY2d 487 [1995]) - RUNNER v NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (13 NY3d 599 [2009]); LABOR LAW § 241(6) - APPLICABILITY OF INDUSTRIAL CODE PROVISIONS, 12 NYCRR 23-3.3(b)(3) AND (c), WHETHER SECTION 23-3.3(b)(3) REQUIRES PLAINTIFF TO SHOW THAT WIND PRESSURE OR VIBRATION CAUSED THE PIPES TO FALL - WHETHER PLAINTIFF'S INJURIES WERE CAUSED BY "WEAKENED OR DETERIORATED FLOORS OR WALLS OR FROM LOOSENED MATERIAL" WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 23-3.3(c) - WHETHER CERTAIN DEFENDANTS ESTABLISHED THEIR ENTITLEMENT TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT UPON THE GROUND THAT THEY WERE NOT OWNERS OR CONTRACTORS WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE LABOR LAW;

WILLIAM (TONY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SUPPRESSION HEARING - WHETHER POLICE HAD REASONABLE SUSPICION TO STOP THE CAB IN WHICH DEFENDANT WAS A PASSENGER WHEN THEY OBSERVED THAT THE PASSENGERS MATCHED GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE RADIOED DESCRIPTION OF TWO MEN WHO HAD COMMITTED A ROBBERY NEARBY; WHETHER SUBSEQUENT SHOW-UP IDENTIFICATION WAS UNDULY SUGGESTIVE;

WILLIAMS, MATTER OF v FISCHER:

PRISONS AND PRISONERS - DISCIPLINE OF INMATES - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION ORDER HOLDING THAT THE MISBEHAVIOR REPORT CHARGING PETITIONER WITH ASSAULTING AN INMATE AND VIOLENT CONDUCT, THE HEARING TESTIMONY AND THE CONFIDENTIAL TESTIMONY AND DOCUMENTS REVIEWED BY THE HEARING OFFICER IN CAMERA PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE DETERMINATION OF GUILT;

WINGATE (BLAKE), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 9/15/11)

CRIMES - RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION PRO SE - SUFFICIENCY OF "SEARCHING INQUIRY" - WHETHER JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION MUST BE REVERSED WHERE NISI PRIUS COURT ALLOWED DEFENDANT TO REPRESENT HIMSELF AT SUPPRESSION HEARING WITHOUT GIVING HIM ADEQUATE WARNINGS ABOUT THE DANGERS AND DISADVANTAGES OF PROCEEDING WITHOUT COUNSEL BUT GAVE DEFENDANT ADEQUATE WARNINGS BEFORE ALLOWING HIM TO REPRESENT HIMSELF AT TRIAL; ALLEGED ERROR IN LIMITING ACCESS TO STANDBY COUNSEL BY PREVENTING DEFENDANT FROM COMMUNICATING WITH COUNSEL DURING CROSS-EXAMINATION OF PROSECUTION WITNESS AND WITH AN INVESTIGATOR BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO PUT ON A DEFENSE CASE;

WOLFE v KELLY:

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WRIGHT (JASON L.), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 9/15/11)
 CRIMES - CLAIM THAT ROBBERY COUNT WAS DUPLICITOUS BECAUSE DEFENDANT WAS CHARGED WITH STEALING "A BB GUN AND/OR A PAIR OF SNEAKERS" - ALLEGED INEFFECTIVENESS OF TRIAL COUNSEL - THEORY UPON WHICH JURY FOUND DEFENDANT GUILTY - SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE SUPPORTING CONVICTION OF ROBBERY IN THE FIRST DEGREE;

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WYCKOFF HEIGHTS MEDICAL CENTER &c. [NEW YORK and PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL, &c.] v COUNTRY-WIDE INSURANCE COMPANY:
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