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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.:

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ABN AMRO BANK, N.V. et al. v MBIA INC., et al.:

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ABRAMS (EMAR), PEOPLE v:

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ABREU, MATTER OF v BEZIO:

PRISONS AND PRISONERS - DISCIPLINE OF INMATES - WHETHER SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE SUPPORTS THE DETERMINATION OF GUILT WITH RESPECT TO LEWD EXPOSURE AND REFUSING A DIRECT ORDER; CLAIMED VIOLATION OF PRISONER'S DUE PROCESS RIGHTS;

ACEVEDO (BENITO), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - PERSISTENT FELONY OFFENDER - VACATUR OF SENTENCE FOR PREDICATE FELONY (DUE TO TRIAL COURT'S FAILURE TO PRONOUNCE THE MANDATORY TERM OF POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION) - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT, ALTHOUGH DEFENDANT'S 2001 ATTEMPTED ROBBERY CONVICTION NO LONGER QUALIFIES AS A PREDICATE FELONY, THE APPROPRIATE REMEDY IS TO REMAND FOR RESENTENCING TO AFFORD THE PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH WHETHER HIS 1993 MASSACHUSETTS CONVICTION STILL QUALIFIES AS A PREDICATE FELONY WHEN THE TIME HE HAS SPENT INCARCERATED IS EXCLUDED FROM THE 10-YEAR LIMITATION PURSUANT TO PENAL LAW § 70.06(1)(b)(iv) AND (v)";

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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.:

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ALBERGOTTI (ALLEN), PEOPLE v:

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ALVAREZ (LUIS), PEOPLE v:

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AOKI v NOOTENBOOM:

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ARFA, et al. v ZAMIR, et al.:

FRAUD - RELIANCE - ALLEGED FRAUD RELATED TO PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE - WHETHER FRAUD CAUSE OF ACTION FALLS WITHIN SCOPE OF GENERAL RELEASE IN PARTIES' "GOVERNANCE OF ENTITIES" AGREEMENT; CONTRACTS;

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AQUAVELLA, &c., et al. v VIOLA:

STATUTE OF FRAUDS - GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW § 5-701(a)(1) - SUFFICIENCY OF MEMORANDUM - DISMISSAL OF AMENDED COMPLAINT ALLEGING BREACH OF THE PARTIES' 1998 ORAL AGREEMENT, WHICH PURPORTEDLY INCORPORATED IN ITS ENTIRETY A NONCOMPETE CLAUSE CONTAINED IN A 1996 WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEFENDANT AND A THIRD PARTY - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION ORDER AFFIRMING A SUPREME COURT ORDER GRANTING A CPLR 4404(a) MOTION ON THE GROUNDS THAT DEFENDANT HAD NOT ADMITTED THAT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE 1996 WRITTEN AGREEMENT WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE 1998 ORAL AGREEMENT AND THAT THE WRITINGS PROFFERED BY PLAINTIFF AT TRIAL, EITHER ALONE OR IN COMBINATION, WERE INSUFFICIENT TO SATISFY THE STATUTE OF FRAUDS;

CARRIE B., MATTER OF v JOSEPHINE B.:

PARENT AND CHILD - VISITATION - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION ORDER AFFIRMING DISMISSAL OF PETITION BROUGHT BY BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN AS TO WHOM HER PARENTAL RIGHTS WERE TERMINATED AND WHO WERE ADOPTED BY PETITIONER'S MOTHER - PETITIONER'S STANDING TO SEEK VISITATION WITH CHILDREN AS THEIR BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ADOPTIVE SIBLING;

BABA-ALI v STATE OF NEW YORK:

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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;

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BECKER, et al., ESTATE OF v MURTAGH, et al.:
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BEDESSIE (KHEMWATTIE), PEOPLE v:
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BIRNBAUM, MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR et al.:
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BISSELL, MATTER OF v TOWN OF AMHERST, et al.:
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 APPROPRIATIONS DISTINCTLY SPECIFY THE OBJECT OR PURPOSE OF THE
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BROWN (JAZZMONE), PEOPLE v:

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BROWN (NADIRAH), PEOPLE v:

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DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO AN INSURED PERSON" - APPLICABILITY OF EXCLUSION TO INSURED DEFENDANTS IN WRONGFUL DEATH ACTION BROUGHT BY NON-INSURED FATHER OF AN INSURED DECEDENT AS ADMINISTRATOR OF DECEDENT'S ESTATE;

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FREEMAN (JOHN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ROBBERY - WHETHER STUN GUN USED REPEATEDLY ON ROBBERY VICTIM WAS A "DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT" (PENAL LAW § 160.15[3]); PROOF OF INJURY BASED ONLY ON VICTIM'S TESTIMONY;

FUREY (SCOTT C.), PEOPLE v:

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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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GEORGE (WILLIAM), PEOPLE v:

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CRIMES - EVIDENCE - DNA IDENTIFICATION TESTS - POLICE OFFERED DEFENDANT CIGARETTE FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING DNA EVIDENCE - DEFENDANT KNOWN BY POLICE TO BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL ON ANOTHER CHARGE; SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE; ALLEGED DENIAL OF RIGHT TO EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL; ALLEGED PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT ON SUMMATION; FAILURE OF TRIAL COURT TO SHOW JURY NOTES TO DEFENSE COUNSEL BEFORE RESPONDING TO THEM;

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INCUR LIABILITY; SUMMARY JUDGMENT - WHETHER PLAINTIFFS RAISED TRIABLE ISSUE OF FACT CONCERNING COUNTY'S CONTROL OVER FACILITY; EFFECT OF DEC PERMIT;

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HALL (MICHAEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ROBBERY - WHETHER STUN GUN USED REPEATEDLY ON ROBBERY VICTIM WAS A "DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT" (PENAL LAW 160.15[3]); PROOF OF INJURY BASED ONLY ON VICTIM'S TESTIMONY;

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LIBEL AND SLANDER - ACTIONABLE WORDS - OPINIONS - SUMMARY JUDGMENT - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT DEFENDANTS MADE A PRIMA FACIE SHOWING OF ENTITLEMENT TO JUDGMENT AS A MATTER OF LAW BY ESTABLISHING THAT THEIR ALLEGED STATEMENTS CONSTITUTED STATEMENTS OF OPINION RATHER THAN OF FACT - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION HOLDING IS INCONSISTENT WITH MANN v ABEL (10 NY3d 217 [2008]) AND STEINHILBER v ALPHONSE (68 NY2d 283 [1986]);

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HIGHTOWER (JOSEPH), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - LARCENY - SUFFICIENCY OF FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS IN ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT CHARGING DEFENDANT WITH PETIT LARCENY (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 TO DO SO;

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JACKSON (SAMUEL), PEOPLE v:

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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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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 SO OR WAS ARRESTED FOR ANOTHER CRIME IN THE INTERIM, THAT HE
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 CONTRACTOR WHO DID NOT ACTUALLY SUPERVISE OR CONTROL THE
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 STATED THAT IT "SHALL SUPERVISE AND DIRECT" THE CONTRACT WORK
 AND "SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR AND HAVE CONTROL OVER
 CONSTRUCTION MEANS, METHODS, TECHNIQUES, SEQUENCES AND
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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;

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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";

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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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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;

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 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:
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MUNGRO (MICHAEL), PEOPLE v:
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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 CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING AN INMATE'S DEATH - CORRECTION LAW § 47;

NEW YORK COALITION FOR QUALITY ASSISTED LIVING, INC. v MFY LEGAL SERVICES, INC., et al.:

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 PROVISIONS IN THE 2008 BUDGET BILL (L 2008, Ch 58, part C) PROVIDING THAT LICENSED PSYCHIATRISTS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO BE 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 APRIL 11, 2008;

NEW YORK STATE SUPERFUND COALITION, INC., MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION:

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION - HAZARDOUS WASTE - VALIDITY OF REGULATION - WHETHER RESPONDENT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION EXCEEDED ITS AUTHORITY IN PROMULGATING 6 NYCRR 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 CORRECTLY DEFERRED TO AGENCY INTERPRETATION OF STATUTE;

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OBOT v NATIONAL FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION (AND ANOTHER APPEAL):

DISMISSAL AND NONSUIT - ACTION CONCERNING PROVISION OF NATURAL GAS TO PLAINTIFF'S RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY - DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINTS; PUBLIC UTILITIES;

OTR MEDIA GROUP, INC. v THE CITY OF NEW YORK et al.:

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TOWN OF OYSTER BAY v KIRKLAND, &c., et al.:

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW - FAILURE TO EXHAUST ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT PLAINTIFF'S FAILURE TO EXHAUST ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES SUPPORTED DISMISSAL OF CAUSES OF ACTION SEEKING A DECLARATION THAT (1) PLAINTIFF TOWN WAS NOT A PROPER RESPONDENT AND WAS NOT SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS LAW IT WAS CHARGED WITH VIOLATING IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT FILED BY RESPONDENT NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (DHR) AND (2) THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT WAS VOID BECAUSE IT CONSTITUTED REVERSE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST RESIDENTS OF PLAINTIFF TOWN; CIVIL RIGHTS - STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS - CONSTITUTIONALITY OF INVESTIGATIVE AND ADJUDICATIVE POWERS - SUMMARY JUDGMENT DISMISSING OTHER CAUSES OF ACTION - EXECUTIVE LAW § 295(6)(a) AND (b);

FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIENS BY ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, MATTER OF v HELSETH:

TAXATION - TAX LIENS - FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIENS - ADEQUACY OF NOTICE TO FORMER PROPERTY OWNERS OF OPPORTUNITY TO PAY DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TAXES AND FEES TO RELEASE THE COUNTY'S INTEREST IN THE FORECLOSED PROPERTY;

ORELLANES v STATE OF NEW YORK:

STATE - CLAIM AGAINST STATE - UNLAWFUL INCARCERATION - CLAIM ALLEGING THAT THE STATE UNLAWFULLY IMPRISONED CLAIMANT FOR VIOLATING THE TERMS OF HIS POSTRELEASE SUPERVISION (PRS) - WHETHER DEFENDANT STATE OF NEW YORK IS PRIVILEGED FROM CIVIL LIABILITY WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (DOCS) ADMINISTRATIVELY IMPOSED A STATUTORILY MANDATED PERIOD OF PRS THAT WAS NOT PRONOUNCED BY THE SENTENCING COURT;

ORTIZ v STATE OF NEW YORK:

STATE - CLAIM AGAINST STATE - UNLAWFUL INCARCERATION - CLAIM ALLEGING THAT THE STATE UNLAWFULLY IMPRISONED CLAIMANT FOR VIOLATING THE TERMS OF HIS POSTRELEASE SUPERVISION (PRS) - WHETHER DEFENDANT STATE OF NEW YORK IS PRIVILEGED FROM CIVIL LIABILITY WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (DOCS) ADMINISTRATIVELY IMPOSED A STATUTORILY MANDATED PERIOD OF PRS THAT WAS NOT PRONOUNCED BY THE SENTENCING COURT;

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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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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;

PACQUETTE (DEAN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SUPPRESSION HEARING - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S STATEMENTS TAKEN BY BROOKLYN HOMICIDE DETECTIVES IN THE ABSENCE OF AN ATTORNEY MUST BE SUPPRESSED WHERE AN ATTORNEY TOLD THE BROOKLYN DETECTIVES THAT HE REPRESENTED DEFENDANT ON A MANHATTAN DRUG MATTER AND INSTRUCTED THEM NOT TO QUESTION DEFENDANT ON THE HOMICIDE; DEFENDANT TOLD BROOKLYN DETECTIVES THAT HE DID NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY IN THE MANHATTAN MATTER;

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:

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PARADA (LUIS), PEOPLE v:

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;

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PAULIN (DAVID LANCE), PEOPLE v:
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PERINO (CHRISTOPHER), PEOPLE v:
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 WHETHER THE AFFIDAVIT OF PLAINTIFF'S TREATING PHYSICIAN RAISED A
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 - WHETHER BUYERS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVE THAT THEY WERE READY,
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 "STAGED BURGLARY" BY DEFENDANT - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN
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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;

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REZPLEX, MATTER OF v NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT, et al.:

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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;

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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;

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RUEDA, &c., MATTER OF v CHARMAINE D.:

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;

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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";

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SANTIAGO (EDWIN), PEOPLE v:

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

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SIMKIN v BLANK:

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STANLEY (DIANE R.), MATTER OF v MATTAR:

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW - FULL FAITH AND CREDIT - WHETHER THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT CLAUSE OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION BARRED THE SURROGATE'S COURT FROM REVIEWING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO IN CONNECTION WITH A WRONGFUL DEATH ACTION IN FLORIDA AND APPROVED BY A FLORIDA STATE COURT, WHERE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WAS EXPRESSLY CONDITIONED UPON APPROVAL OF BOTH THE FLORIDA COURT AND THE SURROGATE'S COURT;

STEWARD (OWEN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - JURORS - SELECTION OF JURY - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN GIVING DEFENSE COUNSEL FIVE-MINUTE LIMIT FOR VOIR DIRE QUESTIONING OF EACH JURY PANEL; WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN ALLOWING WITNESSES TO IDENTIFY DEFENDANT ON A VIDEOTAPE; ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE OF DEFENDANT'S PRIOR CRIMINAL CONVICTION; ROBBERY;

STEWARD (ANTHONY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - WHETHER DEFENDANT WITH A PRIOR VIOLENT FELONY CONVICTION, BUT NEVER ADJUDICATED A "SECOND FELONY OFFENDER," IS ELIGIBLE FOR RESENTENCING UNDER CPL 440.46 - DRUG LAW REFORM ACT OF 2009;

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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;

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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;

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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:

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:

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 AWARDING 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;

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";

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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";

UMEZE v FIDELIS CARE NEW YORK, et al.:

DISMISSAL AND NONSUIT - WANT OF PROSECUTION - CONDITIONAL DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT PURSUANT TO CPLR 3216 FOR FAILURE TO PROSECUTE - PRO SE PLAINTIFF CONTACTED ATTORNEY IN RESPONSE TO 90-DAY DEMAND TO FILE NOTE OF ISSUE - "JUSTIFIABLE EXCUSE" FOR DELAY IN PROSECUTING;

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;

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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;

VENTURA (CARLOS), PEOPLE v:

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.:

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;

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:

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;

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW - HEARING - WHETHER APPELLANT WAS DEPRIVED OF A HEARING OFFICER WHO WAS IMPARTIAL OR HAD THE APPEARANCE OF IMPARTIALITY; PROCEEDING AGAINST BODY OR OFFICER - SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE;

WORLD TRADE CENTER BOMBING LITIGATION, MATTER OF (STEERING COMMITTEE v THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY):

NEGLIGENCE - WHETHER PORT AUTHORITY IS ENTITLED TO GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY FROM NEGLIGENCE CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF THE TERRORIST TRUCK BOMBING OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER; MAINTENANCE OF PREMISES - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN DETERMINING THAT THE JURY COULD HAVE FAIRLY CONCLUDED THAT THE PORT AUTHORITY WAS NEGLIGENT IN FAILING TO MAINTAIN ITS PARKING GARAGE IN A REASONABLY SAFE CONDITION AND THAT THIS NEGLIGENCE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL CAUSE OF THE BOMBING; APPORTIONMENT OF LIABILITY AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS - JURY DETERMINATION THAT PORT AUTHORITY WAS 68% LIABLE AND TERRORISTS WERE 32% LIABLE FOR PERSONAL AND ECONOMIC INJURIES RESULTING FROM THE BOMBING;

WRIGHT (JASON L.), PEOPLE v:

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;

WRIGHT (NAFIS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - WHETHER DEFENDANT WITH A PRIOR VIOLENT FELONY CONVICTION, BUT NEVER ADJUDICATED A "SECOND FELONY OFFENDER," IS ELIGIBLE FOR RESENTENCING UNDER CPL 440.46 - DRUG LAW REFORM ACT OF 2009;

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INSURANCE - NO-FAULT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE - WHETHER A NO-FAULT CARRIER MAY DENY A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER'S CLAIM FOR HEALTH SERVICE EXPENSES BASED UPON THE FACT THAT A NOTICE OF ACCIDENT WAS NOT TIMELY FILED, WHERE THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TIMELY SUBMITTED A WRITTEN PROOF OF CLAIM FOR HEALTH SERVICE EXPENSES;

YENEM CORP. v 281 BROADWAY HOLDINGS [AND OTHER ACTIONS]:

NEGLIGENCE - VIOLATION OF STATUTORY DUTY - LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY EXCAVATION WORK ON ADJOINING PROPERTY - WHETHER A MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE THAT IMPOSES A DUTY UPON THOSE PERFORMING EXCAVATION WORK 10 FEET BELOW THE CURB LEVEL TO "PRESERVE AND PROTECT" ADJOINING STRUCTURES (ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF NY FORMER § 27-1031[b][1] [NOW ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF NY § 28-3309.4]) IMPOSES ABSOLUTE LIABILITY SO AS TO WARRANT SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON THE ISSUE OF LIABILITY IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFFS, THE OWNER AND TENANT OF PREMISES ALLEGEDLY DAMAGED BY DEFENDANTS' EXCAVATION WORK ON THE ADJACENT PROPERTY - CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR CONDITION OF BUILDING AND ADEQUACY OF PRECAUTIONS IN DETERMINING LIABILITY; LEAVE GRANTED TO DEFENDANTS TO ASSERT COUNTERCLAIMS AGAINST PLAINTIFF RANDALL CO. LLC;

ZAMORA, MATTER OF v NEW YORK NEUROLOGIC ASSOCIATES, et al.:

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - COVERAGE - PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY - WHETHER NONRETIRED CLAIMANT HAS OBLIGATION TO DEMONSTRATE ATTACHMENT TO LABOR MARKET WITH EVIDENCE OF SEARCH FOR EMPLOYMENT WITHIN MEDICAL RESTRICTIONS; BURDEN OF PROOF;