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NEW FILINGS DIGEST - CUMULATIVE UPDATE

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ABRAHAM (AKIVA DANIEL), PEOPLE v:

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PROCEEDING AGAINST BODY OR OFFICER - PROHIBITION - PROVISION IN AMENDED ORDER OF CONDITIONS DIRECTING THAT, SHOULD PETITIONER FAIL TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE OTHER CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN THE AMENDED ORDER "AND REFUSE TO APPEAR FOR OR COMPLY WITH A PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION," THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH "SHALL APPLY TO THE COURT FOR A TEMPORARY CONFINEMENT ORDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING AN EFFECTIVE PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION IN A SECURE FACILITY" - WHETHER THAT PROVISION WAS IN EXCESS OF TRIAL JUDGE'S AUTHORITY;

BALDWIN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, MATTER OF v COUNTY OF NASSAU (AND TWO OTHER PROCEEDINGS): (Cal. Date - 1/7/14)

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BARONE (VINCENT), PEOPLE v:

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BEATY (KATISHA), PEOPLE v:

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BLAKE (ANDREW), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER TRIAL COUNSEL'S FAILURE TO REQUEST AN ADVERSE INFERENCE CHARGE REGARDING DESTROYED EVIDENCE CONSTITUTED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL;

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BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MINEOLA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, MATTER OF v MINEOLA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION:

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BOARD OF MANAGERS OF FRENCH OAKS CONDOMINIUM, MATTER OF v TOWN OF AMHERST, et al.:

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BOYER (DANIEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - PERSISTENT VIOLENT FELONY OFFENDER - WHETHER A PRIOR CONVICTION CAN BE CONSIDERED A PREDICATE FELONY CONVICTION FOR SENTENCING PURPOSES WHERE THE CONVICTION WAS LATER DETERMINED TO BE SUBJECT TO RESENTENCING UNDER PEOPLE v SPARBER (10 NY3d 457), THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION SOUGHT RESENTENCING AND RESENTENCING OCCURRED AFTER THE CRIME DEFENDANT COMMITTED IN THIS CASE; PLEA OF GUILTY - WHETHER THE PLEA WAS KNOWING, VOLUNTARY AND INTELLIGENT;

BRANIC INTERNATIONAL REALTY CORP. v PITT:

LANDLORD AND TENANT - RENT REGULATION - STATUS OF PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING BENEFITS ("ELIGIBLE PERSON") AND PLACED IN A HOTEL ROOM PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOTEL OWNER AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGENCY, WHICH THEREAFTER EXPIRED - WHETHER ELIGIBLE PERSON WAS A "PERMANENT TENANT" OF HOTEL WITHIN THE MEANING OF RENT STABILIZATION CODE (9 NYCRR 2520.6[j]) SOLELY BECAUSE HE CONTINUOUSLY RESIDED IN HOTEL ROOM FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS - WHETHER AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGENCY WAS A LEASE THAT EXEMPTED THE HOTEL ROOM FROM THE RENT STABILIZATION CODE (9 NYCRR 2520.11[b]);

BROWN (THOMAS), PEOPLE v:

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CALAFF (IVAN), PEOPLE v

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CAPRUSO v VILLAGE OF KINGS POINT (AND ANOTHER ACTION):

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS - WHEN CAUSE OF ACTION ACCRUES - CONTINUING WRONG - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT THESE ACTIONS WERE NOT BARRED BY THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS UPON THE GROUND THAT "A MUNICIPALITY'S CURRENT AND ONGOING USE OF DEDICATED PARKLAND FOR NONPARK PURPOSES WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN VIOLATION OF THE PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE IS A CONTINUING WRONG THAT THE MUNICIPALITY HAS THE ABILITY TO CONTROL AND ABATE"; WHETHER THE INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AWARDED WAS IN EXCESS OF THAT REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT OR WAS OTHERWISE UNDULY BROAD;

CARTER (DARNELL), PEOPLE v:

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CDR CREANCES S.A.S, &c. v COHEN:

DISCLOSURE - PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO DISCLOSE - STRIKING ANSWER AS SANCTION FOR COMMITTING FRAUD ON COURT - STANDARD OF PROOF APPLICABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO GRANT A MOTION TO STRIKE AN ANSWER AND ENTER A DEFAULT JUDGMENT BASED UPON DEFENDANTS' ALLEGED FRAUD UPON THE COURT - WHETHER FACTUAL DISPUTE ON THE ISSUE OF FRAUD IS TO BE RESOLVED BY THE COURT OR A JURY; DAMAGES - DEFENDANTS' ENTITLEMENT TO AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING;

CLEMENTE BROS. CONTRACTING CORP. v HAFNER-MILAZZO:

BILLS, NOTES AND CHECKS - FORGED INDORSEMENT - BANK CUSTOMER'S FAILURE TO DISCOVER AND REPORT ALLEGED FORGERIES WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER BANK SENT CUSTOMER STATEMENTS OF THE ACCOUNT AND CANCELLED CHECKS (UCC 4-406) - APPLICABILITY OF LIMITATIONS PERIOD CONTAINED IN UCC 4-406 - WHETHER A BANK AND ITS CUSTOMER MAY SHORTEN THE ONE-YEAR STATUTORY TIME PERIOD PROVIDED IN UCC 4-406;

CINTRON (ANGEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - POSTRELEASE SUPERVISION (PRS) - WHETHER REINSTATEMENT OF A RESENTENCING COURT'S IMPOSITION OF PRS IS PRECLUDED WHERE, ALTHOUGH DEFENDANT WAS STILL SERVING HIS ORIGINAL SENTENCE AT THE TIME OF RESENTENCING, HE HAD COMPLETED SERVING THE SENTENCE BY THE TIME THE APPELLATE DIVISION FOUND THAT THE RESENTENCE HAD BEEN VACATED IN ERROR; DISMISSAL OF APPEAL AS ACADEMIC; DOUBLE JEOPARDY;

COLLIER (ANDRE), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 11/13/13)

CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - RESENTENCE TO CONCURRENT TERMS - FIVE YEAR TERM OF ORIGINAL CONSECUTIVE SENTENCE FOUND TO BE ILLEGALLY SHORT - RESENTENCE TO CONCURRENT TERMS RESULTED IN OVERALL

SHORTER TERM THAN ORIGINAL SENTENCE - WHETHER DEFENDANT SHOULD NEVERTHELESS BE ALLOWED TO WITHDRAW HIS PLEA BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE FIVE YEAR TERM OF THE SENTENCE WAS REPLACED BY A 10 YEAR TERM, EVEN WHERE OVERALL SENTENCE WAS SHORTER;

COLEMAN (EARL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - WHETHER DEFENDANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR RESENTENCING UNDER CPL 440.46 - DRUG LAW REFORM ACT OF 2009 - EXCLUSION FOR "PERSON WHO IS SERVING A SENTENCE ON A CONVICTION FOR OR HAS A PREDICATE FELONY CONVICTION FOR AN EXCLUSION OFFENSE" (CPL 440.46[5]) - DEFINITION OF "EXCLUSION OFFENSE";

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - ZONING - VARIANCE - HYBRID PROCEEDING BY ADJACENT LANDOWNER CHALLENGING VARIANCES GRANTED TO PROPOSED RESTAURANT - WHETHER APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN DETERMINING THAT THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD BOARD OF ZONING AND APPEALS PROPERLY TREATED THE RESTAURANT'S APPLICATION FOR VARIANCES FOR OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING-ZONE REQUIREMENTS AS APPLICATIONS FOR AREA VARIANCES RATHER THAN APPLICATIONS FOR USE VARIANCES;

COOPERSTOWN HOLSTEIN CORPORATION v TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD:

GAS AND OIL - LOCAL REGULATION - HYDROFRACKING - ZONING LAW CATEGORIZING ALL OIL, GAS AND SOLUTION MINING AND DRILLING AS PROHIBITED LAND USES WITHIN THE TOWN - WHETHER THE TOWN'S ZONING LAW IS PREEMPTED BY THE OIL, GAS AND SOLUTION MINING LAW;

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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK v DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES et al.:

SOCIAL SERVICES - TEMPORARY HOUSING ASSISTANCE - WHETHER THE COURTS BELOW PROPERLY DETERMINED THAT THE SINGLE ADULTS

ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURE (PROCEDURE 12-400), WHICH GOVERNS THE INTAKE AND ADMISSION PROCESS OF SINGLE ADULT INDIVIDUALS APPLYING FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING, IS A "RULE" WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT (CHAPTER 45 OF THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER);

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DALTON, MATTER OF v AKRON CENTRAL SCHOOLS:

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NEGLIGENCE - PROXIMATE CAUSE - JURY FINDING THAT AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT WAS NOT A SUBSTANTIAL FACTOR IN BRINGING ABOUT PLAINTIFF'S INJURIES - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN REFUSING TO GIVE A MISSING WITNESS CHARGE WHERE DEFENDANT DID NOT CALL AS WITNESSES TWO PHYSICIANS WHO, AT DEFENDANT'S REQUEST, CONDUCTED INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OF PLAINTIFF;

DIAZ (RICHARD), PEOPLE v:

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DIAZ (SANDRA), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - POSSESSION - SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT DEFENDANT EXERCISED DOMINION AND CONTROL OVER THE CONTRABAND - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN RULING THAT THE EVIDENCE ESTABLISHED THE ELEMENTS OF FIRST-DEGREE UNLAWFULLY DEALING WITH A CHILD (PENAL LAW § 260.20[1]) BECAUSE DEFENDANT KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT A LARGE AMOUNT OF HEROIN AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA WERE IN HER APARTMENT, WHERE FOUR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 LIVED; WHETHER PENAL LAW § 260.20(1) IS UNCONSTITUTIONALLY VAGUE FOR FAILING TO GIVE CLEAR NOTICE OF THE PROSCRIBED CONDUCT AND CREATING A RISK OF DISCRIMINATORY ENFORCEMENT;

DiSALVO (JOHN A.), PEOPLE v:

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DUMAY (JOSEPH), PEOPLE v:

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DUNBAR (JERMAINE), PEOPLE v.:

CRIMES - CONFESSION - STATEMENTS MADE BY DEFENDANT DURING PRE-ARRAIGNMENT PROGRAM - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT A "PREAMBLE" GIVEN BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES TO DEFENDANT BEFORE ARRAIGNMENT AND PRIOR TO THE RECITATION OF THE MIRANDA WARNINGS, VIOLATED DEFENDANT'S MIRANDA RIGHTS;

ELLINGTON v EMI MUSIC, INC., et al.:

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EMPIRE CENTER FOR NEW YORK STATE POLICY, MATTER OF v TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK:

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CRIMES - INSTRUCTIONS - DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN REFUSING TO CHARGE THE JURY THAT "UNDER OUR LAW, EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS LESS THAN .08 OF 1 PER CENTUM BY WEIGHT OF ALCOHOL IN THE DEFENDANT'S BLOOD, IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS NOT IN AN INTOXICATED CONDITION" - BASED UPON THE NUMBER OF DRINKS DEFENDANT CLAIMED TO HAVE HAD AND THE TIME BETWEEN THE STOP AND BREATH TEST, WHICH RESULTED IN A BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT (BAC) OF .09%, DEFENDANT'S EXPERT OPINED AT TRIAL THAT DEFENDANT'S BAC AT THE TIME OF THE STOP WOULD HAVE BEEN ONLY .03 TO .04% - VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW §1195(2);

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - TORT LIABILITY - EMERGENCY VEHICLES - RECKLESS DISREGARD - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT THERE WERE NO TRIABLE ISSUES OF MATERIAL FACT AS TO WHETHER DEFENDANT POLICE OFFICER ACTED WITH RECKLESS DISREGARD FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS WHEN HIS POLICE CAR CRASHED INTO ANOTHER POLICE CAR DRIVEN BY PLAINTIFF;

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TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX - MAINTENANCE OF PERMANENT PLACE OF ABODE - SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE;

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CRIMES - POSSESSION OF WEAPON - WHETHER STATUTORY PRESUMPTION OF INTENT TO USE WEAPON UNLAWFULLY AGAINST ANOTHER IN PENAL LAW § 265.15(4) APPLIES TO CHARGE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN THE SECOND DEGREE (PENAL LAW § 265.03[1][b][3]) WHERE DEFENDANT ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIS COUSIN IN THE LEG; CLAIMED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL;

GARRETT (MARK), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - VACATUR OF JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION - CPL 440.10 MOTION TO VACATE JUDGMENT BASED ON NEWLY DISCOVERED EVIDENCE - CLAIM THAT PEOPLE VIOLATED THEIR BRADY OBLIGATION BY FAILING TO DISCLOSE THAT THE INTERROGATING POLICE OFFICER HAD BEEN THE DEFENDANT IN AN UNRELATED FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION BY AN ARRESTEE CLAIMING THAT THE OFFICER HAD EXTRACTED A FALSE CONFESSION FROM HIM THROUGH THE USE OF FORCE; WITNESS - IMPEACHMENT;

GIAMBRONE, et al. v KINGS HARBOR MULTICARE CENTER &c., et al.:

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS - CLAIM IN AMENDED PLEADING - WHETHER A DERIVATIVE CLAIM FOR LOSS OF SERVICES RELATED BACK TO SPOUSE'S MEDICAL MALPRACTICE COMPLAINT FOR PURPOSES OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, PURSUANT TO CPLR 203(f);

GILES (DWIGHT), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER A CLAIM OF INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF TRIAL COUNSEL MAY BE RAISED IN A CPL 330.30 MOTION INSTEAD OF A CPL 440.10 MOTION; SENTENCE - DUE PROCESS CHALLENGE TO SENTENCE PURSUANT TO PERSISTENT FELONY OFFENDER STATUTE (CPL 400.20) - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S SENTENCE WAS IMPERMISSIBLY ENHANCED BEYOND THE OTHERWISE APPLICABLE MAXIMUM TERM BASED ON FACTS FOUND BY THE JUDGE RATHER THAN THE JURY BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT;

GILES v YI:

DISCLOSURE - MEDICAL RECORDS AND REPORTS - EXPOSURE TO LEAD-BASED PAINT - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ABUSED ITS DISCRETION IN ORDERING PLAINTIFF TO PRODUCE MEDICAL RECORDS LINKING PLAINTIFF'S INJURIES TO HIS EXPOSURE TO LEAD-BASED PAINT;

GILLOTTI (NEIL F.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT (SORA) (CORRECTION LAW ART. 6-C) - WHETHER DEFENDANT ESTABLISHED BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT HE WAS ENTITLED TO A DOWNWARD DEPARTURE FROM THE SORA RISK LEVEL;

GOLB (RAPHAEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - INSTRUCTIONS - DEFINITION OF "FRAUD," "DEFRAUD," "BENEFIT," AND "INJURE" - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S PROSECUTION, AND THE JURY INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN, FOR THE IDENTIFY THEFT, CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION AND FORGERY COUNTS VIOLATED HIS FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS; AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT - WHETHER AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT IS COMMITTED WHEN COMMUNICATIONS OF THE TYPE BARRED BY THE STATUTE ARE NOT SENT TO THE VICTIM CRITICIZED IN THOSE COMMUNICATIONS; UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A COMPUTER - WHETHER VIOLATIONS OF INTERNET TERMS OF SERVICE AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES THE CRIME OF UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A COMPUTER; EVIDENCE - WHETHER THE VERDICT IS SUPPORTED BY LEGALLY SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE;

GOLDEN v CITIBANK, N.A.:

BANKS AND BANKING - CASHIER'S CHECK - WHETHER, IN THE ABSENCE OF FRAUD, A BANK MUST HONOR A CASHIER'S CHECK WHEN PRESENTED TO IT BY THE PAYEE OR CAN REFUSE TO PAY ON THE CHECK BY SHOWING THAT (1) NO CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN FOR ITS ISSUANCE AND (2) THE PARTY DEMANDING PAYMENT IS NOT A HOLDER IN DUE COURSE;

GONZALEZ (VICTOR), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 1/9/14)

CRIMES - INSTRUCTIONS - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTREME EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE CHARGE BASED ENTIRELY ON PROOF OFFERED BY THE PEOPLE IN THEIR DIRECT CASE, IS PROPERLY DEEMED CPL 250.10(2) NOTICE OF THE DEFENDANT'S INTENT TO PRESENT PSYCHIATRIC EVIDENCE, ENTITLING THE PEOPLE TO REOPEN THEIR CASE

AND PRESENT PSYCHIATRIC EVIDENCE; WHETHER TRIAL COURT VIOLATED DEFENDANT'S FIFTH AMENDMENT RIGHTS BY CONDITIONING A JURY INSTRUCTION TO WHICH HE WAS ENTITLED ON A WAIVER OF HIS RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT;

GORDON (HAZEL E.), PEOPLE v:

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PROCEEDING AGAINST BODY OR OFFICER - PROHIBITION - DOUBLE JEOPARDY - DURING COURSE OF TRIAL ON CHARGES OF DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, UNSAFE LANE CHANGE AND ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD, TRIAL JUDGE SUA SPONTE DECLARED A MISTRIAL BUT, PRIOR TO THE JURY'S DISCHARGE, RESCINDED THE DECLARATION AND DECLARED A MISTRIAL ON THE CONSENT OF PETITIONER - WHETHER RETRIAL IS BARRED ON THE GROUND OF DOUBLE JEOPARDY;

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ATTORNEY AND CLIENT - MALPRACTICE - WHETHER PLAINTIFF WAIVED HIS LEGAL MALPRACTICE CLAIM BY VOLUNTARILY DISCONTINUING THE UNDERLYING MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASE AFTER MOST CLAIMS HAD BEEN DISMISSED, INCLUDING THOSE AGAINST THE TREATING PHYSICIAN, AND NO APPEAL WAS TAKEN; SUMMARY JUDGMENT - EVIDENTIARY STANDARD;

GRUBSTEIN (HOWARD), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - MOTION TO WITHDRAW GUILTY PLEA TO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI) ON THE GROUND, AMONG OTHERS, THAT THE COURT DID NOT ADVISE THE SELF-REPRESENTED DEFENDANT THAT A SUBSEQUENT DWI OFFENSE COULD BE CHARGED AS A FELONY - MOTION TREATED AS A MOTION TO VACATE THE JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION UNDER CPL 440.10 - WHETHER THE APPELLATE TERM ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT CPL 440.10(C) APPLIED TO BAR DEFENDANT'S CLAIM BECAUSE OF HIS FAILURE TO CHALLENGE THE PLEA ON DIRECT APPEAL;

GUAMAN (LUIS), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 1/9/14)

CRIMES - INFORMATION - FORCIBLE TOUCHING - PENAL LAW § 130.52 - WHETHER ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT WAS FACIALLY INSUFFICIENT FOR FAILING TO ALLEGE THE ELEMENT OF "FORCE" WHERE DEFENDANT "RUBBED AGAINST" THE COMPLAINANT SUBWAY RIDER;

GYABAAB v RIVLAB TRANSPORTATION CORP., et al.:

ATTORNEY AND CLIENT - COMPENSATION - ATTORNEY'S LIEN - WHETHER SETTLEMENT OF PERSONAL INJURY ACTION OCCURRED, TRIGGERING PAYMENT OF LAW FIRM'S CONTINGENCY FEE PER RETAINER AGREEMENT;

HAGGERTY, JR. (JOHN F.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - INDICTMENT - VARIANCE BETWEEN THEORY OF INDICTMENT AND PROOF AT TRIAL - WHETHER THE EVIDENCE AT TRIAL SHOWED ONLY THAT DEFENDANT STOLE FROM THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY RATHER THAN FROM NEW YORK CITY MAYOR BLOOMBERG, AS CHARGED IN THE INDICTMENT; EVIDENCE - WHETHER TESTIMONY ABOUT THE TERMS OF THE BLOOMBERG REVOCABLE TRUST VIOLATED THE BEST EVIDENCE RULE;

HANDLER, MATTER OF v DI NAPOLI:

STATE - COMPTROLLER - AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AUDIT OF MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER'S BILLING RECORDS;

HAMILTON v MILLER, et al.:

DISCLOSURE - MEDICAL RECORDS AND REPORTS - EXPOSURE TO LEAD-BASED PAINT - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ABUSED ITS DISCRETION IN ORDERING PLAINTIFF TO PRODUCE MEDICAL RECORDS LINKING PLAINTIFF'S INJURIES TO HIS EXPOSURE TO LEAD-BASED PAINT; EVIDENCE - JUDICIAL NOTICE - ACTION FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM EXPOSURE TO LEAD-BASED PAINT - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN DENYING PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR IT TO TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE OF CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS IN THE RESIDENTIAL LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD REDUCTION ACT OF 1992 (42 USC 4851);

HANSON (PAMELA), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - APPEAL - ALLEGED DEPRIVATION OF FAIR TRIAL BY SUPREME COURT'S FAILURE TO DISCLOSE AND RESPOND TO TWO JURY NOTES - CPL 310.30 - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT, BECAUSE THE RECORD CONTAINED NO EVIDENCE THAT THE TWO NOTES ACTUALLY WERE RECEIVED BY SUPREME COURT, DEFENDANT'S ARGUMENT REGARDED MATTERS DEHORS THE RECORD AND WAS NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE APPELLATE DIVISION;

HARRIS (JOSEPH), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - CONCURRENT AND CONSECUTIVE TERMS - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN IMPOSING CONSECUTIVE SENTENCES FOR THE CONVICTIONS OF ATTEMPTED MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE AND CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN THE SECOND DEGREE;

HAWKINS (SEAN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - VERDICT - SETTING VERDICT ASIDE - WHETHER MOTION TO SET ASIDE VERDICT, MADE BEFORE SENTENCING BUT NOT MEETING THE REQUIREMENT THAT SUCH MOTION BE MADE ON A "GROUND APPEARING IN THE RECORD" (CPL 330.30[1]) MAY BE TREATED AS A "DE FACTO" MOTION TO VACATE THE JUDGMENT UNDER CPL 440.10 - DEFENDANT MOVED TO SET ASIDE THE VERDICT ON THE GROUND THAT HIS RIGHT TO PUBLIC TRIAL WAS VIOLATED;

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HEIDGEN (MARTIN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - MURDER - DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE MURDER - INTOXICATED DEFENDANT TRAVELING WRONG WAY ON PARKWAY - SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE; UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - CLAIM THAT DEFENDANT'S BLOOD SAMPLE WAS ILLEGALLY OBTAINED AND IMPROPERLY ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE; PRECLUSION OF EXPERT TESTIMONY FOR THE DEFENSE BY A POLICE ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTIONIST; ALLEGED JUROR MISCONDUCT;

HERNANDEZ (FELIX), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - WITHDRAWAL OF PLEA - ALLEGED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL WHO PURPORTEDLY FAILED TO DISCUSS THE IMMIGRATION CONSEQUENCES (DEPORTATION) OF GUILTY PLEA;

HILL (DERRICK), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT - WHETHER DEFENDANT OPENED DOOR TO TESTIMONY ABOUT HIS DECLINING TO MAKE STATEMENT TO ARRESTING POLICE OFFICER BY ASKING THE ARRESTING OFFICER ON CROSS EXAMINATION A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ELICITING PROOF THAT DEFENDANT HAD BEEN POLITE AND COOPERATIVE WITH POLICE, HAVING AGREED TO TAKE A BREATHALYZER TEST AND VARIOUS FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS - HARMLESS ERROR;

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HORTON (THOMAS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - TAMPERING WITH WITNESS - DEFENDANT POSTED ON HIS FACEBOOK ACCOUNT A PICTURE OF A WOMAN WHO ACTED AS AN INFORMANT IN A CASE INVOLVING DEFENDANT'S BEST FRIEND AND LABELED HER A "SNITCH" - NO EVIDENCE OF THREATS OR INTIMIDATION - WHETHER THE EVIDENCE WAS LEGALLY SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT DEFENDANT'S CONVICTION FOR TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS IN THE FOURTH DEGREE (PENAL LAW § 215.10);

HUGHES (FRANKLIN), PEOPLE v.:

CRIMES - POSSESSION OF WEAPON - POSSESSION OF FIREARM IN HOME BY DEFENDANT PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF A CRIME - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S CONVICTION IS CONSTITUTIONAL WHERE HE POSSESSED A HANDGUN WITHIN HIS HOME FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELF-DEFENSE - PENAL LAW §§ 265.02(1) and 265.03(3);

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DAMAGES - MEASURE OF DAMAGES - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN DECLINING TO DISCOUNT THE DAMAGES AWARDED BY THE JURY TO PRESENT VALUE AND IN AWARDING PREJUDGMENT INTEREST ON THE UNDISCOUNTED AWARD;

TOWN OF ISLIP, MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD, et al.:

LABOR UNIONS - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING - PAST PRACTICE - ASSIGNMENT OF TOWN VEHICLES TO EMPLOYEES FOR PERMANENT USE - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION PROPERLY CONFIRMED A DETERMINATION BY THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD, WHICH CONCLUDED THAT THE TOWN IMPERMISSIBLY ALTERED A PAST PRACTICE WHEN IT UNILATERALLY DISCONTINUED CERTAIN EMPLOYEES' RIGHTS TO USE TOWN VEHICLES ON A 24-HOUR-A-DAY BASIS;

JFK HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, et al. v CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.:

LANDLORD AND TENANT - LEASE - BREACH OF LEASE CONDITION - DETERIORATION OF PREMISES - WHETHER TRIABLE ISSUES OF FACT EXIST AS TO WHETHER THE SALVATION ARMY USED COMMERCIALY REASONABLE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO WHICH IT WAS ENTITLED UNDER A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OTHER DEFENDANTS - WHETHER DEFENDANT SALVATION ARMY WAS NONETHELESS ENTITLED TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT UNDER A LIMITATION OF DAMAGES PROVISION IN ITS LEASE - RES JUDICATA;

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JENKINS (BENJAMIN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - WARRANTLESS SEARCH FOR GUN AFTER LAWFUL ARREST OF DEFENDANT IN HIS APARTMENT FOLLOWING OBSERVATION OF DEFENDANT WITH GUN - WHETHER EMERGENCY EXCEPTION TO WARRANT REQUIREMENT APPLIES;

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CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - WARRANTLESS SEARCH OF DEFENDANT'S SHOULDER BAG AFTER IT HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM HER SHOULDER AND AFTER SHE HAD BEEN HANDCUFFED AND FRISKED; WHETHER SEARCH OF BAG WAS LAWFUL AS INCIDENT TO A LAWFUL ARREST; SUPPRESSION MOTION;

JOHNSON (RAUL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - DEFENDANT, REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL ON A SERIES OF BURGLARY CHARGES, AGREED TO ASSIST PROSECUTORS IN THE INVESTIGATION OF A STABBING WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN CONFESSED TO BY SOMEONE ELSE - DURING SUBSEQUENT POLICE QUESTIONING ABOUT THE STABBING, DEFENDANT CONFESSED TO COMMITTING THE ASSAULT HIMSELF - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S SUBSEQUENT WAIVER OF MIRANDA RIGHTS WAS VALID UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES; SUPPRESSION HEARING;

JOHNSON (TODD), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ARREST - PROBABLE CAUSE - DISORDERLY CONDUCT COMMITTED IN PRESENCE OF POLICE OFFICER (CPL 140.10[1][a]; PENAL LAW § 240.20[6]) - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED AS A MATTER OF LAW IN RULING THAT DEFENDANT'S FAILURE TO OBEY A POLICE OFFICER'S DIRECTION TO MOVE FROM THE STORE FRONT WHERE HE WAS CONGREGATING WITH THREE OTHER MEN PROVIDED PROBABLE CAUSE TO ARREST HIM FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT, "GIVEN THE INFORMATION THE OFFICER HAD ABOUT ... GANG PROBLEMS THAT HAD OCCURRED AT THAT LOCATION IN THE PAST AND THE GANG BACKGROUND OF SEVERAL OF THE MEN" - INTERPRETATION OF PENAL LAW § 240.20 THAT ALLEGEDLY RENDERS IT UNCONSTITUTIONALLY VAGUE;

JOHNSON (SHARMELLE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - SUFFICIENCY OF ALLOCUTION - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S PLEA ALLOCUTION NEGATED AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE CRIME CHARGED; RAPE IN THE SECOND DEGREE - WHETHER VICTIM WAS "MENTALLY INCAPACITATED" DUE TO THE INFLUENCE OF AN INTOXICATING SUBSTANCE ADMINISTERED TO HER (PENAL LAW §§ 130.30[2] AND 130.00[6]);

JONES (HAROLD), PEOPLE v:

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KAPON, MATTER OF v KOCH:

DISCLOSURE - EXAMINATION BEFORE TRIAL - OUT-OF-STATE SUBPOENA - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT SUPREME COURT PROVIDENTLY EXERCISED ITS DISCRETION IN DENYING A PETITION TO QUASH OUT-OF-STATE SUBPOENAS OR FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER BECAUSE "PETITIONERS FAILED TO SHOW THAT THE REQUESTED DEPOSITION TESTIMONY IS IRRELEVANT TO THE PROSECUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA ACTION" AND "FAILED TO ARTICULATE A SUFFICIENT, NONSPECULATIVE BASIS FOR POSTPONING THEIR DEPOSITIONS OR IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON THE SCOPE AND USE OF THEIR DEPOSITION TESTIMONY";

KASCKAROW, MATTER OF v BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SEX OFFENDERS OF STATE OF NEW YORK:

PROCEEDING AGAINST BODY OR OFFICER - CERTIORARI - CPLR ARTICLE 78 PROCEEDING TO REVIEW DETERMINATION OF BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SEX OFFENDERS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK THAT PETITIONER IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER PURSUANT TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT (SORA) (CORRECTION LAW ART. 6-C) - WHETHER A PLEA IN FLORIDA OF NOLO CONTENDERE TO A FELONY SEX CRIME CONSTITUTES A "CONVICTION" UNDER SORA SUCH THAT REGISTRY AS A SEX OFFENDER IS REQUIRED IN NEW YORK;

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

CIVIL SERVICE - RETIREMENT AND PENSION BENEFITS - SERVICE CREDIT FOR CIVILIAN SERVICE - WHETHER THE COURTS BELOW ERRED IN INTERPRETING RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW § 504-a TO ADD TO PETITIONER'S TIER 3 RETIREMENT BENEFIT FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES A BENEFIT CALCULATION FOR NON-CORRECTIONAL SERVICES;

KICKERTZ, MATTER OF v NEW YORK UNIVERSITY:

PROCEEDING AGAINST BODY OR OFFICER - CERTIORARI - CPLR ARTICLE 78 PROCEEDING SEEKING TO ANNUL RESPONDENT UNIVERSITY'S DETERMINATION EXPELLING PETITIONER FROM ITS DENTAL COLLEGE; WHETHER RESPONDENT COMPLIED WITH ITS OWN POLICIES AND WHETHER ITS DETERMINATION WAS ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS; CHALLENGE TO RESULT FOLLOWING PRE-ANSWER DISMISSAL OF PROCEEDING;

KIMS (STANLEY R., II), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - INSTRUCTIONS - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN OPEN VIEW - DEFENDANT NOT IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WHEN IT WAS FOUND - WHETHER STATUTORY "ROOM PRESUMPTION" (PENAL LAW §

220.25[2]) APPLIES TO A DEFENDANT WHO LEAVES THE ROOM SHORTLY BEFORE POLICE FIND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - HARMLESS ERROR; UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - WHETHER EVIDENCE FROM RESIDENCE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUPPRESSED AS RESULTING FROM A WARRANTLESS "PROTECTIVE SWEEP" BY POLICE; PROOF OF OTHER CRIMES - PRIOR DRUG SALES - ALLEGED MOLINEUX ERROR; ALLEGED PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT;

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CIVIL SERVICE - RETIREMENT AND PENSION BENEFITS - HEALTH INSURANCE - WHETHER THE TERMS OF THE RESPECTIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS IN EFFECT AT THE TIME EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE PLAINTIFF RETIRED, PROVIDING THAT THE RETIREE WAS ENTITLED TO SAME HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AS THE BARGAINING UNIT, PREVENTED THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM REDUCING BENEFITS PROVIDED TO PLAINTIFFS WHEN BENEFITS FOR REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES WERE REDUCED;

KRUGER (KEVIN), PEOPLE v:  
CRIMES - APPEAL - EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL TO THE COURT OF APPEALS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF ERROR CORAM NOBIS SEEKING TO FILE A LATE APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL TO THE COURT OF APPEALS UPON THE GROUND THAT PEOPLE v SYVILLE (15 NY3d 391) DID NOT PROVIDE FOR SUCH RELIEF;

LAINFIESTA, MATTER OF v STATE OF NEW YORK:  
APPEAL - APPELLATE DIVISION - DENIAL OF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION AND REARGUMENT AND FOR RECONSIDERATION AND REARGUMENT;

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PROCESS - SERVICE OF PROCESS - SERVICE ON CORPORATION - DISMISSAL OF ACTION TO ENFORCE AN ENGLISH MONEY JUDGMENT ENTERED ON DEFAULT BECAUSE OF PLAINTIFF'S FAILURE TO ESTABLISH THAT IT OBTAINED PERSONAL JURISDICTION OVER DEFENDANT IN THE FOREIGN ACTION PURSUANT TO CPLR 311(a)(1) - PROCESS SERVER'S FAILURE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER INDIVIDUALS SERVED WERE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT SERVICE ON CORPORATION'S BEHALF - EFFECT OF DEFENDANT'S ACTUAL NOTICE OF THE FOREIGN ACTION - JOHN GALLIANO, S.A. v STALLION, INC. (15 NY3d 75[2010]);

LAWRENCE, DECEASED, MATTER OF (LAWRENCE, et al. v GRAUBARD MILLER, et al.):  
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LEBRON v SML VETERAN LEATHER, LLC:

STATUTES - CONSTRUCTION - OUT-OF-STATE-STATUTE - NEW JERSEY WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW - APPLICATION OF STATUTORY EXCEPTION FOR EMPLOYER'S CONDUCT AMOUNTING TO AN "INTENTIONAL WRONG";

LEWIS (ANTHONY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - INSTALLATION OF GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM DEVICE ON VEHICLE WITHOUT WARRANT - ALLEGED VIOLATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONS - HARMLESS ERROR; INSTRUCTIONS - VERDICT SHEET - WHETHER VERDICT SHEET VIOLATED CPL 310.20(2) BY LISTING STORES WHERE CREDIT CARD FRAUDS OCCURRED, RATHER THAN THE BANK AND CARDHOLDER VICTIMS, WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN COUNTS; STANDARD OF REVIEW - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION USED THE WRONG STANDARD IN DETERMINING THAT DEFENDANT'S GRAND LARCENY CONVICTIONS WERE NOT AGAINST THE WEIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE; EXPERT WITNESS - DENIAL OF VOICE IDENTIFICATION EXPERT; SENTENCE - ALLEGED DUE PROCESS VIOLATIONS;

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HABEAS CORPUS - AVAILABILITY OF RELIEF; PRISONERS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER STATES - INTERSTATE AGREEMENT ON DETAINERS ACT;

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CRIMES - CONFESSION - STATEMENTS MADE BY DEFENDANT DURING PRE-ARRAIGNMENT PROGRAM - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT A "PREAMBLE" GIVEN BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES TO DEFENDANT BEFORE ARRAIGNMENT AND PRIOR TO THE RECITATION OF THE MIRANDA WARNINGS, VIOLATED DEFENDANT'S MIRANDA RIGHTS - HARMLESS ERROR;

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INSURANCE - DISCLAIMER OF COVERAGE - WHETHER THE DUTY TO DISCLAIM AS SOON AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE SET FORTH IN INSURANCE LAW § 3420(d) APPLIES TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIMS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT TRIABLE ISSUES OF FACT EXISTED AS TO WHETHER INSURERS WAIVED THEIR RIGHT TO DISCLAIM COVERAGE BASED UPON THE INSUREDS' LATE NOTICE OF AN OCCURRENCE;

LOPEZ, MATTER OF v EVANS:

PAROLE - REVOCATION - WHETHER THE DUE PROCESS CLAUSE OF THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION PROHIBITS A PAROLE REVOCATION PROCEEDING FROM GOING FORWARD AGAINST A PAROLEE WHO, ONLY A SHORT TIME EARLIER, WAS FOUND MENTALLY INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL IN A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION BASED ON THE SAME CHARGES THAT ARE AT ISSUE IN THE REVOCATION PROCEEDING;

LOPEZ (TEOFILO), a/k/a LOPEZ (GARCIA) a/k/a GARCIA (ISIDORO),  
PEOPLE v:

APPEAL - DISMISSAL - TIMELY NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED FOR DEFENDANT WHO BECAME A FUGITIVE, WAS TRIED IN ABSENTIA AND CONVICTED IN 1999 - AFTER DEFENDANT'S CAPTURE, APPELLATE DIVISION DISMISSED THE APPEAL FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY PROSECUTE AT A TIME WHEN DEFENDANT WAS REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL BUT HAD NOT YET SOUGHT POOR PERSON RELIEF AND COUNSEL HAD NOT RECEIVED OR REVIEWED THE RECORD - WHETHER APPELLATE DIVISION ABUSED ITS DISCRETION IN DISMISSING THE APPEAL;

LUCIA, MATTER OF v BOARD OF EDUCATION OF EAST MEADOW UNION FREE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT:

SCHOOLS - TEACHERS - DISCIPLINARY MEASURES - EXERCISE OF FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS - MEMBER OF TEACHERS' UNION WHO LEGALLY PARKED HER CAR IN FRONT OF SCHOOL WHILE PICKETING BECAUSE OF STALLED NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT DISCIPLINED FOR CREATING A HEALTH AND SAFETY RISK INsofar AS HER CAR WAS PARKED IN A LOCATION WHERE PARENTS WOULD DROP OFF THEIR CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL, RESULTING IN SOME STUDENTS BEING DROPPED OFF IN THE STREET AND HAVING TO CROSS TRAFFIC LANES TO ENTER THE SCHOOL;

LUDWIG (DANIEL A.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - EVIDENCE - PRIOR CONSISTENT STATEMENTS - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN ALLOWING ADMISSION OF TESTIMONY FROM SEVERAL WITNESSES ABOUT WHEN AND HOW THE VICTIM DISCLOSED THE ABUSE; WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN PRECLUDING TESTIMONY FROM COMPLAINANT'S GRANDMOTHER THAT THE DEFENSE CONTENDED SHOWED THE VICTIM'S MOTIVE TO LIE;

LYNCH, et al. v CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.:

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIPS - RETIREMENT AND PENSION BENEFITS - CHALLENGE TO CITY'S ACTION IN DECLINING TO MAKE AN INCREASED-TAKE-HOME-PAY CONTRIBUTION TO POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS HIRED AFTER JULY 1, 2009 (TIER 3 MEMBERS);

M. (MARQUAN W.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - CYBER-BULLYING - ALBANY LOCAL LAW NO. 11 OF 2010 - CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE TO LOCAL LAW THAT CRIMINALIZES "ANY ACT OF COMMUNICATING OR CAUSING A COMMUNICATION TO BE SENT BY MECHANICAL OR ELECTRONIC MEANS, INCLUDING POSTING STATEMENTS ON THE INTERNET OR THROUGH A COMPUTER OR EMAIL NETWORK, DISSEMINATING EMBARRASSING OR SEXUALLY EXPLICIT PHOTOGRAPHS; DISSEMINATING PRIVATE, PERSONAL, FALSE OR SEXUAL INFORMATION, OR SENDING HATE MAIL, WITH NO LEGITIMATE PRIVATE, PERSONAL, OR PUBLIC PURPOSE, WITH THE INTENT TO HARASS, ANNOY, THREATEN, ABUSE, TAUNT, INTIMIDATE, TORMENT, HUMILIATE, OR OTHERWISE

INFLECT SIGNIFICANT EMOTIONAL HARM ON ANOTHER PERSON" - ALLEGED VIOLATION OF DEFENDANT'S FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS - WHETHER THE LOCAL LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONALLY OVERBROAD OR VAGUE ON ITS FACE OR AS APPLIED TO DEFENDANT;

MALDONADO (JOSE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - MURDER - DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE MURDER - WHETHER LEGALLY SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE SUPPORTED DEFENDANT'S CONVICTION FOR DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE MURDER WHERE THERE WAS TESTIMONY THAT DEFENDANT TRIED TO AVOID HURTING ANYONE WHEN ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE FROM POLICE AND WAS REMORSEFUL AFTERWARD;

MARTINEZ (CHRISTOPHER), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 1/16/14)

CRIMES - DISCLOSURE - ROSARIO MATERIAL - DEFENDANT'S ENTITLEMENT TO AN ADVERSE INFERENCE CHARGE WHERE AN OFFICER'S HANDWRITTEN NOTES OF HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE COMPLAINANT WERE LOST; SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE;

MARTINEZ (SELBIN), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 1/16/14)

CRIMES - DISCLOSURE - ROSARIO MATERIAL - DEFENDANT'S ENTITLEMENT TO AN ADVERSE INFERENCE CHARGE WHERE A POLICE OFFICER'S HANDWRITTEN NOTES OF HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE COMPLAINANT WERE LOST; INSTRUCTIONS - IDENTIFICATION - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT IMPERMISSIBLY MARSHALED EVIDENCE AGAINST DEFENDANT THROUGH ITS JURY INSTRUCTION ON IDENTIFICATION;

MASHREQBANK PSC v AHMED HAMAD AL GOSAIBI & BROTHERS COMPANY (AND A THIRD-PARTY ACTION):

COURTS - FORUM NON CONVENIENS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION PROPERLY DETERMINED THAT SUPREME COURT ABUSED ITS DISCRETION AS A MATTER OF LAW BY DISMISSING THE COMPLAINT ON ITS OWN MOTION IN THE MAIN ACTION ON THE GROUND OF FORUM NON CONVENIENS, WHERE THE ONLY MOTION BEFORE THE COURT WAS A THIRD-PARTY DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS THE THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT;

McCRAy (LIONEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - BURGLARY - DWELLING - MULTIPLE UNIT BUILDING - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS PROPERLY CONVICTED OF TWO COUNTS OF SECOND-DEGREE BURGLARY UNDER PENAL LAW § 140.25(2) BASED UPON HIS ENTRIES INTO A HOTEL'S EMPLOYEE LOCKER ROOM AND A MUSEUM LOCATED IN THE SAME BUILDING AS THE HOTEL; SENTENCE - CONSECUTIVE SENTENCES - WHETHER CONSECUTIVE SENTENCES MAY BE IMPOSED BASED UPON CONVICTIONS OF TWO COUNTS OF BURGLARY ARISING OUT OF ENTRIES INTO SEPARATE COMPONENTS OF A SINGLE BUILDING DURING ONE CONTINUOUS COURSE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY;

McCRAy (TERENCE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - DISCLOSURE - WHETHER COUNTY COURT ERRED IN NOT TURNING OVER TO DEFENDANT CERTAIN OF THE RAPE VICTIM'S MENTAL HEALTH

RECORDS; EVIDENCE - VICTIM'S PRIOR SEXUAL CONDUCT - CROSS-EXAMINATION ABOUT HYPERSEXUALITY - RAPE SHIELD LAW - LIMITATION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL'S CROSS-EXAMINATION DESIGNED TO ELICIT TESTIMONY ABOUT THE VICTIM'S ERRATIC BEHAVIOR - DENIAL OF MOTION TO COMPEL PROSECUTION TO OBTAIN CERTAIN OF THE VICTIM'S HOSPITALIZATION RECORDS; RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - COUNSEL'S FAILURE TO OBJECT TO ADMISSION OF CERTAIN EVIDENCE OR REQUEST LIMITING INSTRUCTIONS;

McIVER-MORGAN, INC., MATTER OF v DAL PIAZ, et al.:

ARBITRATION - CONFIRMING OR VACATING AWARD - PUBLIC POLICY INQUIRY - FEES FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES - CONTRACTOR ALLEGEDLY PERFORMING UNLICENSED ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES;

McLEAN (SAMUEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - INCULPATORY STATEMENT TAKEN BY POLICE WHILE DEFENDANT IMPRISONED ON UNRELATED CHARGE - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY CONCLUDED THAT THE POLICE FULFILLED THEIR OBLIGATION TO RESOLVE AN AMBIGUITY AS TO WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL IN A HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION BY DETERMINING THAT COUNSEL'S REPRESENTATION OF DEFENDANT HAD TERMINATED PRIOR TO QUESTIONING HIM;

McPHERSON (FRANKLIN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - MURDER - DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE MURDER - INTOXICATED DEFENDANT TRAVELING WRONG WAY ON PARKWAY - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS DEPRIVED OF THE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF TRIAL COUNSEL;

MELCHER v GREENBERG TRAUIG, LLP, et al.: (Cal. Date - 1/15/14)  
LIMITATION OF ACTIONS - WHEN CAUSE OF ACTION ACCRUES - WHETHER PLAINTIFF'S JUDICIARY LAW § 487 CAUSE OF ACTION WAS TIMELY COMMENCED;

MORPHEUS CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC v UBS AG, et al.:

CONTRACTS - BREACH OF CONTRACT - CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF AGREEMENT GIVING PLAINTIFF THE RIGHT TO BROKER THE SALE OF CERTAIN STUDENT LOAN ASSETS - FRUSTRATION OF PURPOSE DEFENSE; DISMISSAL AND NONSUIT - DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT WITH PREJUDICE;

MORRIS v PAVARINI CONSTRUCTION et al.: (Cal. Date - 1/9/14)

LABOR - SAFE PLACE TO WORK - WHETHER A LABOR LAW § 241(6) CLAIM, PREDICATED ON A 12 NYCRR § 23-2.2(a) VIOLATION, LIES WHERE PLAINTIFF'S INJURY IS CAUSED BY A FALLING COMPONENT OF A "FORM" (MOLD) USED IN THE FABRICATION OF CONCRETE WALLS;

MOSS (DWIGHT), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT (SORA) (CORRECTION LAW ART. 6-c) - WHETHER COURTS BELOW PROPERLY

DETERMINED THAT DEFENDANT WAS A PRESUMPTIVE RISK LEVEL THREE OFFENDER BASED ON HIS PRIOR CONVICTIONS - CLAIMED UPWARD DEPARTURE WITHOUT REQUEST FROM THE PEOPLE OR NOTICE TO DEFENDANT;

MYERS (ARIEL), PEOPLE v.:

CRIMES - EVIDENCE - PRIOR BAD ACTS - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN ADMITTING INTO EVIDENCE TESTIMONY REGARDING PRIOR UNCHARGED CRIME, UNDER THE "IDENTITY" EXCEPTION SET FORTH IN MOLINEUX;

NASH v THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY:

JUDGMENTS - VACATUR OF JUDGMENT - REVERSAL IN RELATED BUT SEPARATE ACTION - CPLR 5025(a)(5) - WHETHER SUPREME COURT ERRED IN GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO VACATE THE JUDGMENT;

ESTATE OF MURIEL M. NEALON, MATTER OF (DECEASED):

FRAUD - CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD - EXISTENCE OF CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP - WHETHER VULNERABLE PARTY MAINTAINED ABILITY TO EXERCISE FREE WILL - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY DETERMINED THAT WHETHER A CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP EXISTED IN THIS CASE PRESENTED A QUESTION OF FACT THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE JURY;

NESMITH &c., et al. v ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY:

INSURANCE - CONSTRUCTION OF POLICY - PROPERTY INSURANCE - WHETHER A NONCUMULATION CLAUSE IN THE POLICY BARS A PLAINTIFF FROM RECOVERING THE FULL LIABILITY AMOUNT WHERE SEPARATE PLAINTIFFS ARE INJURED DURING SUCCESSIVE RENEWAL PERIODS OF THE POLICY - WHETHER EXPOSURE OF UNRELATED CHILDREN TO LEAD-BASED PAINT IN THE SAME APARTMENT DURING SUCCESSIVE TENANCIES CONSTITUTES ONE OCCURRENCE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE POLICY, THEREBY LIMITING DEFENDANT'S AGGREGATE LIABILITY TO A SINGLE FULL COVERAGE AMOUNT; DECLARATORY JUDGMENT;

NEW SURFSIDE NURSING HOME, LLC, et al. MATTER OF v DAINES, et al:

HEALTH - NURSING HOMES - CPLR ARTICLE 78 PROCEEDING TO REVIEW TWO DETERMINATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ENFORCING AUDIT RESULTS OF PATIENT REVIEW INSTRUMENT SUBMISSIONS FOR CERTAIN YEARS - MEDICAID RATE SHEETS; DECLARATORY JUDGMENT;

NEW YORK CITY ASBESTOS LITIGATION, MATTER OF (ANDRUCKI v ALUMINUM COMPANY OF AMERICA, et al.):

PUBLIC AUTHORITIES - CLAIMS AGAINST PUBLIC AUTHORITIES - COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE OF CLAIM REQUIREMENTS - WHETHER A NOTICE OF CLAIM THAT STATED PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF A WORKER'S EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS AND DEVELOPMENT OF MALIGNANT MESOTHELIOMA, PROVIDED THE REQUIRED 60-DAY NOTICE WITH RESPECT TO SURVIVORSHIP AND WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSES OF ACTION CONTAINED IN AMENDED COMPLAINT FILED AFTER WORKER DIED - APPLICABILITY OF "SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE" DOCTRINE;



NEW YORK HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER OF QUEENS v MICROTECH CONTRACTING CORP.: (Cal. Date - 1/6/14)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - EXCLUSIVENESS OF REMEDY; STATUTES - FEDERAL PREEMPTION - EFFECT OF IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT (IRCA) ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW - INJURED UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS - WHETHER AN EMPLOYER'S VIOLATION OF IRCA PRECLUDES IT FROM INVOKING THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW'S EXCLUSIVITY PROVISION AS A DEFENSE TO A LANDOWNER'S CLAIMS FOR CONTRIBUTION AND INDEMNIFICATION ARISING FROM THE LANDOWNER'S LIABILITY TO THE EMPLOYER'S INJURED UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS;

NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT, MATTER OF v RUBENSTEIN:

DISCLOSURE - APPLICATION FOR RELEASE OF RECORDS IN CRIMINAL ACTION FOR USE IN DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING AGAINST A JUDGE - EX PARTE ORDER OF SUPREME COURT - DISMISSAL OF APPEAL AS MOOT;

NICOMETI v VINEYARDS OF FREDONIA, LLC et al. (AND A THIRD-PARTY ACTION):

NEGLIGENCE - PROXIMATE CAUSE - PLAINTIFF INJURED WHEN HIS STILTS SLIPPED ON ICE WHILE HE WAS INSTALLING CEILING INSULATION AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE - WHETHER THERE IS A TRIABLE ISSUE OF FACT WHETHER PLAINTIFF'S ACTIONS WERE THE SOLE PROXIMATE CAUSE OF HIS INJURIES; LABOR LAW § 240; SUMMARY JUDGMENT;

NOREX PETROLEUM LIMITED v BLAVATNIK, et al.:

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS - TOLLING - DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT AS TIME-BARRED AFTER APPLYING NEW YORK'S BORROWING STATUTE AND THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA'S STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS - WHETHER APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN DETERMINING THAT THE TOLLING PROVISION OF 28 USC § 1367(d) DOES NOT APPLY IN THIS CASE BECAUSE CPLR 205(a) PROVIDES FOR A LONGER TOLLING PERIOD - WHETHER CPLR 205(a) APPLIES WHERE CPLR 202 REQUIRES THE APPLICATION OF FOREIGN LAW WHICH HAS NO TOLLING PROVISION;

NORSE ENERGY CORP. USA, MATTER OF V TOWN OF DRYDEN et al.:

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - ZONING - WHETHER THE OIL, GAS AND SOLUTION MINING LAW, CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 23 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, PREEMPTS RESPONDENT TOWN FROM PASSING ZONING ORDINANCES WHICH BAN ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE EXPLORATION FOR, AND THE PRODUCTION OR STORAGE OF, NATURAL GAS AND PETROLEUM - HYDRAULIC FRACTURING (HYDROFRACKING);

TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD, MATTER OF v COUNTY OF NASSAU:

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES - COMMUNITY COLLEGE - COST OF EDUCATING TOWN RESIDENTS AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OUTSIDE COUNTY - WHETHER THE EDUCATION LAW PERMITS A COUNTY TO CHARGE BACK A TOWN WITHIN THE COUNTY FOR PAYMENTS THE COUNTY EXPENDS FOR TOWN RESIDENTS TO ATTEND THE FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (FIT) AND, IF SO,

WHETHER SUCH CHARGE-BACKS ARE RESTRICTED TO TWO-YEAR EDUCATION AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS - WHETHER THE COUNTY MUST FORMALLY ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER TO COLLECT THE CHARGE-BACKS IN CONNECTION WITH FIT PRIOR TO IMPOSING SUCH COSTS UPON THE TOWN; SETOFF AND COUNTERCLAIM - RIGHT TO SETOFF - WHETHER THE COUNTY MAY OFFSET THE CHARGE-BACKS AGAINST THE TOWN'S SHARE OF SALES TAX REVENUE THE COUNTY IS OBLIGATED TO PAY TO THE TOWN;

O'DANIEL (WILLIAM), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - REPLACEMENT COUNSEL - COUNSEL, INITIALLY CHOSEN BY DEFENDANT'S RETAINED COUNSEL AS A SECOND CHAIR, ULTIMATELY REPRESENTED DEFENDANT AT TRIAL DUE TO RETAINED COUNSEL'S HEALTH PROBLEMS - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS DENIED THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL OF HIS CHOICE - WHETHER REPLACEMENT COUNSEL PROVIDED EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL; WITNESSES - EXPERT WITNESS - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN ALLOWING A NURSE PRACTITIONER TO TESTIFY THAT HER EXAMINATION OF A CHILD SHOWED EVIDENCE OF SEXUAL ABUSE;

ODDONE (ANTHONY), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 11/14/13)

CRIMES - WITNESSES - EXPERT WITNESS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT COUNTY COURT PROPERLY DENIED, WITHOUT A FRYE HEARING, THE DEFENDANT'S APPLICATION TO STRIKE THE TESTIMONY OF THE PEOPLE'S FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST REGARDING THE CAUSE OF THE VICTIM'S DEATH - DENIAL OF DEFENDANT'S REQUEST TO PRESENT EXPERT TESTIMONY FROM PSYCHOLOGIST ABOUT ACCURACY OF EYEWITNESS ESTIMATIONS OF DURATION OF EVENTS; EVIDENCE - PRIOR STATEMENT NOT ALLOWED TO REFRESH WITNESS'S RECOLLECTION - CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE TO CPL 60.35; SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE; ALLEGED JUROR BIAS; PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT IN SUMMATION; INTOXICATION - WHETHER COUNTY COURT ERRED IN REFUSING TO GIVE AN INTOXICATION CHARGE TO THE JURY - PENAL LAW § 15.25;

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LANDLORD AND TENANT - LEASE - ACCELERATION PROVISION - WHETHER AN ACCELERATION CLAUSE IN A COMMERCIAL LEASE, WHICH ALLOWS THE LANDLORD TO COLLECT THE FULL RENT DUE UNDER THE LEASE, IS ENFORCEABLE WHERE THE LANDLORD TERMINATES THE LEASE AFTER THE TENANT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A NOTICE TO CURE AND VACATES THE PROPERTY AND THE LANDLORD DOES NOT MITIGATE DAMAGES;

O'NEILL, et al., MATTER OF v PFAU:

PROCEEDING AGAINST BODY OR OFFICER - MANDAMUS - CPLR ARTICLE 78 PROCEEDING TO COMPEL PAYMENT TO SUFFOLK COUNTY COURT OFFICERS OF A SALARY INCREMENT REFLECTING A CONTINUOUS SERVICE CREDIT; STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS;

O'TOOLE (DONALD), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 11/14/13)  
 CRIMES - COLLATERAL ESTOPPEL - WHETHER THE PEOPLE WERE BARRED FROM PRESENTING ON DEFENDANT'S RETRIAL EVIDENCE THAT HIS ACCOMPLICE POINTED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A PISTOL AT THE COMPLAINING WITNESS DURING THE ALLEGED ROBBERY, WHERE DEFENDANT WAS ACQUITTED OF ROBBERY IN THE FIRST DEGREE AT THE FIRST TRIAL BUT CONVICTED OF ROBBERY IN THE SECOND DEGREE AND THE APPELLATE DIVISION HAD REVERSED THAT CONVICTION;

TOWN OF OYSTER BAY v LIZZA INDUSTRIES, INC. (AND NINE OTHER ACTIONS): (Cal. Date - 11/12/13)  
 TORTS - NUISANCE - ALLEGED CONTINUING PUBLIC NUISANCE - CLAIMED DEFECTS IN SEWER CONSTRUCTION WORK CAUSING DAMAGE TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ROADWAYS; STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS - WHAT STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS APPLIES TO SETTLING DAMAGE FROM SEWER WORK COMPLETED IN THE 1970s AND 1980s - MUNICIPALITIES AS THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE COUNTIES AND DEFENDANT CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES - WHETHER ACTIONS ARE TIME-BARRED; STARE DECISIS;

PACHERILLE (ANTHONY), PEOPLE v:  
 CRIMES - APPEAL - WAIVER OF RIGHT TO APPEAL SENTENCING COURT'S DENIAL OF YOUTHFUL OFFENDER STATUS - SENTENCING COURT BELIEVED THAT THE PLEA AGREEMENT PRECLUDED YOUTHFUL OFFENDER TREATMENT FOR THE 16-YEAR-OLD DEFENDANT;

PALLADINO v CNY CENTRO, INC., et al.:  
 LABOR UNIONS - ACTION AGAINST UNION - IN AN ACTION AGAINST AN UNINCORPORATED LABOR ORGANIZATION FOR BREACH OF THE DUTY OF FAIR REPRESENTATION, WHETHER MARTIN v CURRAN (303 NY 276 [1951]) REQUIRES A PLAINTIFF TO PLEAD AND PROVE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNINCORPORATED LABOR ORGANIZATION UNANIMOUSLY AUTHORIZED OR RATIFIED THE ALLEGED WRONGFUL CONDUCT - APPLICABILITY OF MADDEN v AIKENS (4 NY2d 283 [1958]);

PATEL (VINOD), PEOPLE v:  
 APPEAL - EFFECTIVENESS OF APPELLATE COUNSEL - APPLICATION FOR WRIT OF ERROR CORAM NOBIS - CLAIMED FAILURE OF APPELLATE COUNSEL TO COMPLY WITH DEFENDANT'S TIMELY REQUEST TO FILE A NOTICE OF APPEAL - DEFENDANT HAD MOVED PRO SE FOR, AND HAD BEEN DENIED, PERMISSION TO FILE A LATE NOTICE OF APPEAL - APPLICATION OF PEOPLE v SYVILLE (15 NY3d 391 [2010]);

PAYTON (WENDELL), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 11/14/13)  
 CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS DEPRIVED OF RIGHT TO CONFLICT-FREE REPRESENTATION WHEN, PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT AND DURING THE COURSE OF HIS TRIAL, HIS ATTORNEY WAS SUBJECT TO A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BY THE SAME PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE PROSECUTING DEFENDANT, A SEARCH WARRANT WAS EXECUTED AT THE OFFICE OF DEFENDANT'S TRIAL COUNSEL

DAYS BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF TRIAL, AND THE TRIAL COURT DID NOT LEARN OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNTIL JUST BEFORE SENTENCING, AT WHICH POINT NEW COUNSEL WAS ASSIGNED;

PERALES (RICHARD), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - COUNSEL'S FAILURE TO FILE NOTICE OF APPEAL OR REQUEST LEAVE TO FILE A LATE NOTICE OF APPEAL - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF ERROR CORAM NOBIS SEEKING LEAVE TO FILE A LATE NOTICE OF APPEAL - PEOPLE v SYVILLE (15 NY3d 391 [2010]);

PEQUE (JUAN JOSE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - WHETHER TRIAL COURT'S FAILURE TO INFORM DEFENDANT, AN UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT, THAT HE MIGHT BE DEPORTED BASED ON HIS CONVICTION RENDERED DEFENDANT'S GUILTY PLEA NOT KNOWING, VOLUNTARY AND INTELLIGENT; RIGHT TO COUNSEL - WHETHER COUNSEL'S FAILURE TO INFORM DEFENDANT ABOUT THE IMMIGRATION CONSEQUENCES OF HIS GUILTY PLEA RENDERED COUNSEL'S REPRESENTATION INEFFECTIVE; SENTENCE; DUE PROCESS CHALLENGE TO CPL 220.50;

PEREZ (REYNALDO), PEOPLE v:

APPEAL - APPELLATE DIVISION - DISMISSAL OF APPEAL FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY PROSECUTE;

PIGNATARO (ANTHONY S.), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 11/12/13)

CRIMES - SENTENCE - POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION - WHETHER A TRIAL COURT IS AUTHORIZED TO RESENTENCE A DEFENDANT TO A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION WHEN THE PEOPLE CONSENT - PENAL LAW § 70.85; CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE TO PENAL LAW § 70.85 AND CORRECTION LAW § 601-d AS APPLIED TO DEFENDANT; SUFFICIENCY OF PLEA ALLOCUTION; TRIAL COURT'S REFUSAL TO ALLOW WITHDRAWAL OF PLEA;

POLHILL (EUGENE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - CONFESSION - STATEMENTS MADE BY DEFENDANT DURING PRE-ARRAIGNMENT PROGRAM - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT A "PREAMBLE" GIVEN BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES TO DEFENDANT BEFORE ARRAIGNMENT AND PRIOR TO THE RECITATION OF THE MIRANDA WARNINGS, VIOLATED DEFENDANT'S MIRANDA RIGHTS;

POLLACK &C., MATTER OF:

ATTORNEY AND CLIENT - DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION ORDER DISBARRING ATTORNEY AND ORDERS DENYING ATTORNEY'S VARIOUS MOTIONS;

POWERS v 31 E 31 LLC, et al:

NEGLIGENCE - DUTY - FALL FROM SETBACK ROOF - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT, GIVEN THE NATURE AND

LOCATION OF THE SETBACK ROOF, IT WAS UNFORESEEABLE AS A MATTER OF LAW THAT INDIVIDUALS WOULD CHOOSE TO ACCESS IT AND, THUS, THAT DEFENDANTS HAD NO DUTY TO GUARD AGAINST SUCH AN OCCURRENCE - VIOLATIONS OF STATUTORY DUTY - APPLICABILITY OF 1968 BUILDING CODE - 1979 CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY AS PROOF THAT MULTIPLE DWELLING LAW WAS NOT VIOLATED;

QBE INSURANCE CORP. v JINX-PROOF, INC., &c.:

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INSURANCE - DUTY TO DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY - COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY POLICY CONTAINING AN ASSAULT AND BATTERY EXCLUSION - WHETHER LETTERS FROM INSURER THAT CONTAINED "RESERVATION OF RIGHTS" LANGUAGE CONSTITUTED VALID NOTICE OF DISCLAIMER OF COVERAGE WITH RESPECT TO THE ASSAULT AND BATTERY EXCLUSION - WHETHER INSURER WAS ESTOPPED FROM DISCLAIMING COVERAGE;

RAGINS v HOSPITALS INSURANCE COMPANY, INC., et al.:

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INSURANCE - DUTY TO DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY - OBLIGATION TO PAY INTEREST - WHETHER EXCESS CARRIER WAS RESPONSIBLE ONLY FOR PREJUDGMENT INTEREST ON THAT PORTION OF THE UNDERLYING JUDGMENT THAT IT WAS OBLIGATED TO PAY UNDER ITS POLICY, RATHER THAN FOR PREJUDGMENT AND POSTJUDGMENT INTEREST ON THE WHOLE AMOUNT OF THE UNDERLYING JUDGMENT;

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CRIMES - EVIDENCE - SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE - FELONY MURDER AND ROBBERY - IDENTIFICATION OF SUPERMARKET BAG RECOVERED FROM CAR FLEEING SCENE OF CRIME; CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE;

REID (GRAHAM), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - WHETHER THE LOWER COURTS ERRED IN DENYING A SUPPRESSION MOTION REGARDING A SWITCH BLADE KNIFE FOUND BY A POLICE OFFICER IN A PAT-DOWN AFTER PULLING DEFENDANT OVER FOR ERRATIC DRIVING BUT BEFORE ANY ARREST WAS INTENDED;

REIS, &c. v VOLVO CARS OF NORTH AMERICA, et al.:

PRODUCTS LIABILITY - FAILURE TO WARN - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT SUPREME COURT PROPERLY SET ASIDE THE JURY VERDICT ON PLAINTIFF'S FAILURE TO WARN CLAIM;

RIVERA (ANNER), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AT TRIAL - TRIAL JUDGE'S ANSWERING OF JUROR'S SUBSTANTIVE LEGAL QUESTIONS INSIDE ROBIN ROOM WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF DEFENDANT, DEFENSE COUNSEL, THE PROSECUTOR AND OTHER JURORS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT THE TRIAL JUDGE'S ACTS CONSTITUTED A MODE OF PROCEEDINGS ERROR NOT SUBJECT TO HARMLESS ERROR ANALYSIS EVEN THOUGH DEFENSE

COUNSEL CONSENTED TO THE PROCEDURE AND THE TRIAL JUDGE TOLD COUNSEL AND DEFENDANT EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN THE ROBIN ROOM AND THAT THEY COULD REQUEST A READ-BACK OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE JUROR AT ANY TIME;

RIVERA (DAVID), PEOPLE v.:

CRIMES - WITNESSES - PHYSICIAN-PATIENT PRIVILEGE (CPLR 4505) - WHETHER TESTIMONY OF PSYCHIATRIST TO WHOM DEFENDANT ADMITTED SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD WAS PROPERLY ADMITTED AT TRIAL IN LIGHT OF WITNESS'S PRIOR REPORTING OF DEFENDANT'S STATEMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILD SERVICES;

RIVERA (ENRIQUE), PEOPLE v.:

CRIMES - LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE - MANSLAUGHTER - WHETHER SUPREME COURT PROPERLY DENIED DEFENDANT'S REQUEST TO CHARGE MANSLAUGHTER IN THE SECOND DEGREE (PENAL LAW § 125.15[1]) AS A LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE OF MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE, UPON THE GROUND THAT THERE WAS NO "REASONABLE VIEW" OF THE EVIDENCE THAT WOULD SUPPORT A FINDING THAT DEFENDANT ACTED RECKLESSLY WHEN HE STABBED THE VICTIM;

ROA, PEOPLE ex rel. v LEE, &c.:

HABEAS CORPUS - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION ORDER DENYING APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS;

ROCKY POINT DRIVE-IN, L.P. v TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, et al.:

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - ZONING - NONCONFORMING USE - DELAY IN PROCESSING OF SITE PLAN APPLICATION - WHETHER APPELLATE DIVISION MISAPPLIED THE "SPECIAL FACTS EXCEPTION" BY REQUIRING PLAINTIFF TO PROVE THAT DEFENDANTS ACTED IN BAD FAITH IN DELAYING THE PROCESSING OF THE APPLICATION; DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION;

ROSSI (JOHN), PEOPLE v.:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - WARRANTLESS SEARCH FOR GUN - EMERGENCY EXCEPTION TO WARRANT REQUIREMENT; SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE; ALLEGED PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT; RIGHT TO COUNSEL - ALLEGED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF TRIAL COUNSEL;

RUSSELL (MARK), PEOPLE v.:

CRIMES - APPEAL - STANDARD OF REVIEW - WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION IMPROPERLY RELIED UPON MATTERS NOT IN THE RECORD IN DETERMINING THAT THE VERDICT WAS AGAINST THE WEIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE;

PEOPLE ex rel. RYAN, o/b/o SHAVER v CHEVERKO:

PRISONS AND PRISONERS - CALCULATION OF SENTENCE - GOOD TIME CREDIT - WHERE PENAL LAW § 70.30(2)(b) IMPOSES A TWO-YEAR LIMIT ON THE AGGREGATE TERM OF CONSECUTIVE DEFINITE SENTENCES, WHETHER A PRISONER'S RELEASE DATE SHOULD BE CALCULATED BASED UPON THE PRISONER'S ORIGINAL RELEASE DATE OR THE STATUTORY TWO-YEAR AGGREGATE TERM;

SAGE (MERLIN G.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - INSTRUCTIONS - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR A CHARGE TO THE JURY THAT THE PEOPLE'S KEY WITNESS WAS AN ACCOMPLICE;

SANDERS (EQUAN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - SECOND FELONY OFFENDER - RESENTENCING FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSING TERM OF POSTRELEASE SUPERVISION - IF RESENTENCING OCCURS AT THE REQUEST OF THE DIVISION OF PAROLE RATHER THAN THE DEFENDANT, WHETHER THE RESENTENCING OR ORIGINAL SENTENCING DATE CONTROLS FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING IF THE PRESENT CONVICTION MEETS THE SEQUENTIALITY REQUIREMENT FOR SENTENCING AS A PERSISTENT VIOLENT FELONY OFFENDER;

SANDIFORD v CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, et al.:

CIVIL RIGHTS - DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION - RETALIATION - TERMINATION OF SCHOOL AIDE; "PRETEXT" FOR TERMINATION - BURDEN OF PROOF; SUMMARY JUDGMENT; COLLATERAL ESTOPPEL BASED ON UNION GRIEVANCE RESULT;

SANTER, MATTER OF v BOARD OF EDUCATION OF EAST MEADOW UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

SCHOOLS - TEACHERS - DISCIPLINARY MEASURES - EXERCISE OF FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS - MEMBER OF TEACHERS' UNION WHO LEGALLY PARKED HIS CAR IN FRONT OF SCHOOL WHILE PICKETING BECAUSE OF STALLED NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT DISCIPLINED FOR CREATING A HEALTH AND SAFETY RISK INsofar AS HIS CAR WAS PARKED IN A LOCATION WHERE PARENTS WOULD DROP OFF THEIR CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL, RESULTING IN SOME STUDENTS BEING DROPPED OFF IN THE STREET AND HAVING TO CROSS TRAFFIC LANES TO ENTER THE SCHOOL;

SANTIAGO (CHERYL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - MANSLAUGHTER IN THE SECOND DEGREE - SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE; CONFESSION - STATEMENTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS - LETTERS TO INMATE; RIGHT TO COUNSEL - ALLEGED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF TRIAL COUNSEL;

SANTIAGO (HECTOR), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 1/15/14)

CRIMES - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR A CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE CHARGE TO THE JURY IN A DRUG POSSESSION CASE INVOLVING PRESENCE OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN AN AUTOMOBILE - "PRESUMPTIVE EVIDENCE OF KNOWING POSSESSION...BY EACH AND EVERY PERSON IN THE AUTOMOBILE" (PENAL LAW § 220.25[1]) - CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION; EXCESSIVE SENTENCE;

SCHREIER (DAVID W.), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 1/6/14)

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SURVEILLANCE - SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE - VICTIM VIDEOTAPED AT HOME THROUGH WINDOW - WHETHER THE EVIDENCE WAS

SUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE RECORDING WAS MADE "SURREPTITIOUSLY" AND AT A PLACE AND TIME WHEN THE VICTIM HAD A REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY (PENAL LAW § 250.45[1]);

SCIARA, et al. v SURGICAL ASSOCIATES OF WESTERN NEW YORK, P.C., et al.:

WITNESSES - RIGHTS OF COUNSEL FOR NONPARTY WITNESS AT DEPOSITION - CPLR 3113(c) - 22 NYCRR 221.2 AND 221.3;

SHABAZZ, PEOPLE ex rel. v RICHARDS:

HABEAS CORPUS - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION ORDER DENYING APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS;

SIBBLIES (MARSHA), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO SPEEDY TRIAL - PEOPLE FILED AN OFF-CALENDAR STATEMENT OF READINESS AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPEARED IN COURT TO EXPLAIN THEY WERE NOT READY FOR TRIAL BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED MEDICAL RECORDS - WHETHER PEOPLE'S ORIGINAL STATEMENT OF READINESS WAS ILLUSORY AND WHETHER DENIAL OF DEFENDANT'S CPL 30.30 MOTION TO DISMISS VIOLATED HER RIGHT TO A SPEEDY TRIAL;

SILVA (JULIAN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - JURORS - NOTE FROM JURY - TRIAL COURT'S FAILURE TO NOTIFY COUNSEL OF JURY NOTE AND TO READ NOTE INTO THE RECORD; CLAIMED IMPROPER REMARKS IN PROSECUTOR'S SUMMATION;

SIMS (QUENTIN A.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - VALIDITY OF PAT-DOWN OF DEFENDANT - PEOPLE v DEBOUR (40 NY2d 210 [1976]);

SMART (FLOYD L.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT OF CONFRONTATION - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN PERMITTING ADMISSION INTO EVIDENCE OF WITNESS'S GRAND JURY TESTIMONY ON THE BASIS THAT THE WITNESS WAS UNAVAILABLE DUE TO MISCONDUCT OF THE DEFENDANT - WITNESS APPEARED IN COURT AND ASSERTED HER FIFTH AMENDMENT RIGHT AGAINST SELF INCRIMINATION; ALLEGED IMPROPER HANDLING OF JUROR QUESTIONS DURING DELIBERATIONS;

SMITH, MATTER OF v BROWN:

PROCEEDING AGAINST BODY OR OFFICER - PROHIBITION - DOUBLE JEOPARDY - DECLARATION OF MISTRIAL OVER DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION - RETRIAL PRECLUDED IN ABSENCE OF MANIFEST NECESSITY FOR MISTRIAL - TRIAL COURT DECLARED A MISTRIAL AFTER FINDING THAT THE ABSOLUTE INTEGRITY OF THE JURY PROCESS HAD BEEN COMPROMISED WHEN ONE JUROR SHARED OUTSIDE LEGAL ADVICE WITH THE REMAINING JURORS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT THE TRIAL COURT ABUSED ITS DISCRETION IN DECLARING A MISTRIAL WITHOUT CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES;



SMITH (TORREL), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 11/13/13)  
 CRIMES - IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT - IMPROPER BOLSTERING OF IDENTIFICATION EVIDENCE - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED BY ALLOWING POLICE OFFICERS TO RECOUNT AT TRIAL DESCRIPTION OF PERPETRATOR THAT COMPLAINANT PROVIDED IMMEDIATELY AFTER ROBBERY - WHETHER TO EXTEND PEOPLE v HUERTAS (75 NY2d 487 [1990]), WHICH ALLOWED SUCH TESTIMONY FROM A VICTIM, TO TESTIMONY ELICITED FROM POLICE OFFICERS;

SOLLA, MATTER OF v BERLIN:  
 STATE - EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT (EAJA) (CPLR ARTICLE 86) - ATTORNEY'S FEES - WHETHER THE EAJA PERMITS THE AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES BASED ON THE "CATALYST THEORY" THAT THE LITIGATION RESULTED IN THE STATE'S VOLUNTARY GRANTING OF THE RELIEF SOUGHT;

SOUTH ISLAND ORTHOPAEDIC GROUP, P.C., MATTER OF v DiNAPOLI:  
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SPEARS (KELVIN), PEOPLE v:  
 CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - SUFFICIENCY OF ALLOCUTION - WAIVER OF RIGHT TO APPEAL - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ABUSED ITS DISCRETION IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S REQUEST AT SENTENCING FOR AN ADJOURNMENT SO HE COULD CONSULT WITH COUNSEL ABOUT A MOTION TO VACATE HIS GUILTY PLEA;

STANLEY (HILBERT), PEOPLE v:  
 CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - CLAIMED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL FOR FAILING TO PURSUE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO CHARGE OF ROBBERY IN THE FIRST DEGREE BECAUSE THE "WEAPON" DISPLAYED DURING THE ROBBERY WAS NOT A "LOADED WEAPON FROM WHICH A SHOT, READILY CAPABLE OF PRODUCING DEATH OR OTHER SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY, COULD BE DISCHARGED" (PENAL LAW § 160.15[4]); CHALLENGE TO SHOW-UP IDENTIFICATION;

STATE OF NEW YORK, MATTER OF v DONALD DD.:  
 CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - CIVIL COMMITMENT OR SUPERVISION - MENTAL ABNORMALITY - DIAGNOSIS OF ANTISOCIAL PERSONALITY DISORDER (ASPD) - WHETHER ASPD CAN CONSTITUTE A MENTAL ABNORMALITY REQUIRING CIVIL COMMITMENT;

STATE OF NEW YORK, MATTER OF v NELSON D.:  
 MENTAL HEALTH - PROCEEDING BY STATE OF NEW YORK SEEKING AN ORDER AUTHORIZING RESPONDENT'S CIVIL MANAGEMENT PURSUANT TO MENTAL HYGIENE LAW ARTICLE 10 - CLAIMED COMMITMENT TO INPATIENT FACILITY UNDER PROVISION INTENDED FOR OUTPATIENT SUPERVISION; CLAIMED DENIAL OF DUE PROCESS;

STATE OF NEW YORK, MATTER OF v JOHN S.:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - CIVIL COMMITMENT OR SUPERVISION - ALLEGED DUE PROCESS VIOLATION BY INTRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE REGARDING SEXUAL OFFENSE ALLEGATIONS FROM THIRTY TO FORTY YEARS AGO AND EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY BASED ON SUCH EVIDENCE - RELEASE OF RECORDS PREVIOUSLY SEALED; SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE;

STATE OF NEW YORK, MATTER OF v KENNETH T.:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - CIVIL COMMITMENT OR SUPERVISION - SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT A FINDING OF MENTAL ABNORMALITY AS DEFINED IN MENTAL HYGIENE LAW § 10.03(i) - DIAGNOSIS OF "PARAPHILIA NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, NON-CONSENT" BASED SOLELY UPON KENNETH T.'S PAST SEX CRIMES - WHETHER DIAGNOSIS OF "ANTISOCIAL PERSONALITY DISORDER" CAN SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR SEX OFFENDER CIVIL MANAGEMENT;

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

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - CIVIL COMMITMENT OR SUPERVISION - SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT ACT (SOMTA) - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED BY PERMITTING THE STATE'S EXPERT WITNESS TO TESTIFY, WITHOUT LIMITATION, AS TO HEARSAY STATEMENTS THAT FORMED THE BASIS OF HER OPINION THAT RESPONDENT HAS A MENTAL ABNORMALITY, INCLUDING STATEMENTS REGARDING ACTS THAT DID NOT RESULT IN A CRIMINAL CHARGE OR CONVICTION - ALLEGED DUE PROCESS VIOLATION;

STONE (ALIAS), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 1/6/14)

CRIMES - RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION PRO SE - DEFENDANT COMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL - WHETHER DEFENDANT HAD A MENTAL INCAPACITY SUCH THAT HE COULD NOT REPRESENT HIMSELF AT THE TIME OF TRIAL - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT PROPERLY PERMITTED DEFENDANT TO PROCEED PRO SE - INDIANA v EDWARDS (554 US 164 [2008]);

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INSURANCE - DUTY TO DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY - INSURED'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE TIMELY NOTICE OF OCCURRENCE - WHETHER PLAINTIFF-INSURED'S RELIANCE UPON ITS BROKER'S ERRONEOUS ADVICE CONSTITUTES A REASONABLE EXCUSE FOR INSURED'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE ITS INSURER WITH TIMELY NOTICE OF THE ACCIDENT - WHETHER THE COURTS BELOW CORRECTLY DETERMINED THAT INSURER IS OBLIGATED TO DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY A PARTY UNDER AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ENDORSEMENT CONTAINED IN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY POLICY IT ISSUED TO PLAINTIFF, THAT INSURER DID NOT TIMELY DISCLAIM COVERAGE TO THE ADDITIONAL INSURED ON THE BASIS OF LATE NOTICE OF THE ACCIDENT, AND THAT THE "ACTS AND OMISSIONS" LANGUAGE IN THE ADDITIONAL INSURED ENDORSEMENT PROVIDED COVERAGE EVEN ABSENT A FINDING OF NEGLIGENCE BY PLAINTIFF-INSURED IN THE UNDERLYING PERSONAL INJURY ACTION;

SUBWAY SURFACE SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION, MATTER OF v NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

CIVIL SERVICE - ALLEGED VIOLATION OF CIVIL SERVICE LAW § 115 BY NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (NYCTA) - WHETHER § 115 APPLIES TO NYCTA EMPLOYEES - WHETHER THE VIOLATION OF § 115 GIVES RISE TO A CAUSE OF ACTION - EQUAL PROTECTION CLAIM - CLASSIFICATION - EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK - WHETHER SUPREME COURT ERRED IN IMPLICITLY DEEMING THE PETITION TO HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO ALLEGE A VIOLATION OF SECTION 115;

SUE/PERIOR CONCRETE & PLUMBING, INC. v LEWISTON GOLF COURSE CORP., et al.:

NATIVE AMERICANS - SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF TRIBE - WHETHER THE COURTS BELOW ERRED IN DETERMINING THAT DEFENDANT LEWISTON GOLF COURSE CORPORATION WAS NOT ENTITLED TO SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY UPON THE GROUND THAT IT WAS NOT AN "ARM OF THE TRIBE," EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A CORPORATE ENTITY FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE SENECA NATION OF INDIANS; FRAUD - WHETHER PLAINTIFF'S FRAUD CAUSE OF ACTION SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISMISSED AS DUPLICATIVE OF ITS BREACH OF CONTRACT CAUSE OF ACTION;

SWEAT (TYRONE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - DOUBLE JEOPARDY - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN DISMISSING THE INFORMATION CHARGING CRIMINAL CONTEMPT IN THE SECOND DEGREE (REFUSAL TO TESTIFY IN CRIMINAL TRIAL) ON DOUBLE JEOPARDY GROUNDS AFTER DEFENDANT WAS CITED AND CONFINED FOR CIVIL CONTEMPT FOR THE DURATION OF THE TRIAL FOR THE SAME REFUSAL TO TESTIFY;

ANTWAIN T., MATTER OF:

INFANTS - JUVENILE DELINQUENTS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION PROPERLY DETERMINED THAT THE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PETITION WAS FACIALLY INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT THE CHARGE THAT RESPONDENT POSSESSED A "DANGEROUS KNIFE" WITHIN THE MEANING OF PENAL LAW § 265.05, WHERE THE PETITION DESCRIBED THE KNIFE AS A MACHETE WITH A 14-INCH BLADE;

D. T. v RICH et al.:

JUDGMENTS - SUMMARY JUDGMENT - WHETHER DEFENDANT SAINT CABRINI HOME, INC. WAS ENTITLED TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT DISMISSING THE COMPLAINT AGAINST IT - APPROPRIATE STANDARD OF CARE - WHETHER DEFENDANT SAINT CABRINI HOME, INC. MET ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE THE DEGREE OF CARE TO PLAINTIFF THAT A REASONABLE PARENT WOULD PROVIDE;

ROBERT T., MATTER OF v SPROAT:

PROCEEDING AGAINST BODY OR OFFICER - PROHIBITION - PROVISION IN AMENDED ORDER OF CONDITIONS DIRECTING THAT, SHOULD PETITIONER FAIL TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE OTHER CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN THE

AMENDED ORDER "AND REFUSE TO APPEAR FOR OR COMPLY WITH A PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION," THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH "SHALL APPLY TO THE COURT FOR A TEMPORARY CONFINEMENT ORDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING AN EFFECTIVE PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION IN A SECURE FACILITY" - WHETHER THAT PROVISION WAS IN EXCESS OF TRIAL JUDGE'S AUTHORITY;

TAYLOR (TALIYAH), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - MURDER - DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE MURDER - MENS REA - SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE THAT DEFENDANT WHO OPERATED A MOTOR VEHICLE AFTER TAKING ECSTASY POSSESSED THE REQUISITE MENS REA FOR DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE MURDER;

THOMAS (ADRIAN P.), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 1/14/14)

CRIMES - WITNESSES - EXPERT WITNESS - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN NOT ADMITTING EXPERT TESTIMONY ON THE SUBJECT OF FALSE AND COERCED CONFESSIONS; VOLUNTARINESS OF CONFESSION - POLICE THREATS TO ARREST DEFENDANT'S WIFE; SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CONVICTION FOR DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE MURDER; JUROR NOTES ON JURY INSTRUCTIONS;

THOMAS (MICHAEL), a/k/a ADAMS (NEIL), PEOPLE v, :

CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - WHETHER DEFENDANT DID NOT KNOWINGLY, INTELLIGENTLY AND VOLUNTARILY ENTER INTO HIS GUILTY PLEA WHERE THE TRIAL COURT FAILED TO INFORM HIM OF THE POSSIBLE IMMIGRATION CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLEA; RIGHT TO COUNSEL - ALLEGED INEFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION OF COUNSEL BASED UPON COUNSEL'S FAILURE TO INFORM DEFENDANT OF THE DEPORTATION CONSEQUENCES OF HIS GUILTY PLEA;

THOMPSON (PAUL), PEOPLE v: (Cal. Date - 1/7/14)

CRIMES - EVIDENCE - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED, IN RESPONSE TO AN ARGUMENT MADE BY DEFENSE COUNSEL IN SUMMATION, IN ALLOWING THE PEOPLE TO REOPEN THEIR CASE TO INTRODUCE A FINGERLESS GLOVE THAT HAD BEEN SUPPRESSED; CLAIMED VIOLATIONS OF DUE PROCESS DURING GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS AND AT TRIAL; CLAIMED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL;

TURNER (GENNA A.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - FAILURE TO ADVISE DEFENDANT OF POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION (PRS) BEFORE ENTRY OF GUILTY PLEA - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN RULING THAT DEFENDANT HAD BEEN INFORMED ABOUT PRS SUFFICIENTLY BEFORE SENTENCE WAS IMPOSED SO THAT SHE WAS REQUIRED TO PRESERVE THE CATU ERROR FOR APPELLATE REVIEW AND THAT, IN ANY EVENT, DEFENDANT WAIVED THE RIGHT TO ASSERT THE CATU ERROR;

TYRELL (CAVELL CRAIG), PEOPLE v (APPEAL NO. 1):

(Cal. Date - 11/13/13)

CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS REQUIRED TO PRESERVE FOR APPELLATE REVIEW HIS CHALLENGE TO THE GUILTY PLEA - WHETHER PLEA COURT ERRED IN ACCEPTING DEFENDANT'S GUILTY PLEA TO A MISDEMEANOR CHARGE IN THE ABSENCE OF A FACTUAL ALLOCUTION BY OR OTHER COLLOQUY WITH THE DEFENDANT - WHETHER PLEA WAS KNOWING, INTELLIGENT AND VOLUNTARY ABSENT A FACTUAL ALLOCUTION AND WHERE DEFENDANT WAS NEVER ADVISED OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS BEFORE HIS COUNSEL INFORMED THE COURT THAT DEFENDANT HAD AUTHORIZED HIM TO ENTER A GUILTY PLEA TO CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA IN THE FIFTH DEGREE;

TYRELL (CAVELL CRAIG), PEOPLE v (APPEAL NO. 2):

(Cal. Date - 11/13/13)

CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS REQUIRED TO PRESERVE FOR APPELLATE REVIEW HIS CHALLENGE TO THE GUILTY PLEA - WHETHER THE GUILTY PLEA WAS VOLUNTARY, KNOWING AND INTELLIGENT WHERE DEFENDANT ALLEGEDLY WAS NEVER INFORMED OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS BEFORE THE COURT ACCEPTED THE GUILTY PLEA;

UNION SQUARE PARK COMMUNITY COALITION, INC. v NEW YORK CITYDEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, et al.: (Cal. Date - 1/14/14)

PARKS AND PARKWAYS - PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE - WHETHER PROPOSED USE OF DEDICATED PARKLAND AS A RESTAURANT SERVES A PARK PURPOSE - WHETHER THE CONCESSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND RESTAURANT COMPANY IS A LEASE OF PARKLAND REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE;

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

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - CARRIER'S LIEN - PROCEEDS OF SETTLEMENT OF FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION - WHETHER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION CARRIER IS ENTITLED TO A CREDIT PURSUANT TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW § 29 FROM THE CLAIMANT'S RECOVERY AGAINST HER EMPLOYER IN A FEDERAL CIVIL ACTION;

VEGA v 103 THAYER STREET, LLC, et al.:

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - SIDEWALKS - PRIOR NOTICE OF DEFECTIVE CONDITION - TRIP AND FALL RESULTING FROM A HOLE IN A PEDESTRIAN RAMP - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT THE MARKINGS ON THE MAP BY THE BIG APPLE POTHOLE AND SIDEWALK PROTECTION CORPORATION, WHICH THE CITY SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT, RAISED AN ISSUE OF FACT AS TO WHETHER THE CITY HAD PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE DEFECT AT ISSUE;

VELEZ (JULIO), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO SPEEDY TRIAL - PRE-INDICTMENT DELAY - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY DETERMINED THAT THE PROSECUTION ESTABLISHED GOOD CAUSE FOR THE DELAY BETWEEN THE CRIME AND DEFENDANT'S INDICTMENT; SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE;

VOSS, et al. v THE NETHERLANDS INSURANCE CO., et al.:

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INSURANCE - AGENTS AND BROKERS - ALLEGED FAILURE TO PROCURE ADEQUATE COVERAGE - INSURED CHARGED WITH PRESUMPTIVE KNOWLEDGE OF REDUCED COVERAGE IN RENEWED POLICY - WHETHER SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE EXISTED OF A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BROKER AND INSURED - WHETHER ALLEGED FAILURE TO PROCURE ADEQUATE COVERAGE WAS PROXIMATE CAUSE OF LOSS;

W. (KEVIN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SUPPRESSION HEARING - WHETHER PEOPLE v CRANDALL (69 NY2d 459 [1987]) PERMITS A TRIAL COURT TO RE-OPEN A SUPPRESSION HEARING FOR THE PEOPLE TO ADDUCE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE WHERE THE TRIAL COURT IS REVIEWING A REPORT OF A JUDICIAL HEARING OFFICER; WHETHER REINSTATEMENT OF ORIGINAL SUPPRESSION RULING REQUIRED DISMISSAL OF CHARGE OF RESISTING ARREST;

WALSTON (JAMEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - JURORS - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN FAILING TO INFORM COUNSEL OF THE EXACT CONTENTS OF A JURY NOTE - WHETHER CONTENT OF NOTE WAS SUBSTANTIVE; PRESERVATION; CLAIMED DENIAL OF DUE PROCESS AND INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL;

WASHINGTON (JONAI), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SUPPRESSION HEARING - WHETHER RESULTS OF CHEMICAL BREATH TEST WERE PROPERLY SUPPRESSED - DEFENDANT HAD CONSENTED TO THE TEST AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS BUT, PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF TEST, POLICE DID NOT INFORM DEFENDANT THAT HER ATTORNEY HAD CALLED A DISPATCHER AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND STATED "YOU HAVE TO STOP ALL QUESTIONING AND WE'RE NOT CONSENTING TO ANY FORM OF TESTING WHATSOEVER"; RIGHT TO COUNSEL;

WEBB (JAMES F.), PEOPLE v:

CONTEMPT - CRIMINAL CONTEMPT - VIOLATION OF ORDER OF PROTECTION DIRECTING DEFENDANT TO REFRAIN FROM COMMUNICATING BY TELEPHONE WITH HIS FORMER GIRLFRIEND, THE MOTHER OF DEFENDANT'S CHILD - LEGAL SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CONVICTION OF CRIMINAL CONTEMPT IN THE FIRST DEGREE (PENAL LAW § 215.51[b][iv]) - DEFENDANT'S TELEPHONE CALLS CONCERNING CHILD SUPPORT AND VISITATION - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY CONCLUDED THAT THE EVIDENCE WAS LEGALLY INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH THAT DEFENDANT MADE TELEPHONE CALLS WITH INTENT TO HARASS, ANNOY, THREATEN OR ALARM HIS FORMER GIRLFRIEND, WITH NO PURPOSE OF LEGITIMATE COMMUNICATION;

WEBB-WEBER v COMMUNITY ACTION FOR HUMAN SERVICES, INC., et al.:

LABOR - WHISTLEBLOWER LAW - WHETHER A LABOR LAW § 740(2) CLAIM REQUIRES EMPLOYEES TO CITE IN THEIR PLEADINGS THE SPECIFIC LAW, RULE OR REGULATION THAT IS ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED BY THEIR EMPLOYER TO STATE A CAUSE OF ACTION;

WELLS (CARL D.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - INVENTORY SEARCH - DEFENDANT PLEADED GUILTY AFTER SUPREME COURT DENIED HIS MOTION TO SUPPRESS PHYSICAL EVIDENCE RECOVERED FROM THE CAR HE WAS DRIVING UPON THE GROUND THAT THE POLICE HAD CONDUCTED A PROPER INVENTORY SEARCH - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED WHERE, AFTER CONCLUDING THAT SUPREME COURT IMPROPERLY RELIED UPON THE INVENTORY SEARCH DOCTRINE IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO SUPPRESS PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, IT UPHELD THE CONVICTION ON HARMLESS ERROR GROUNDS WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE HARMLESS ERROR RULE REGARDING SUPPRESSION ISSUES DOES NOT NORMALLY APPLY TO CASES WHERE A DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY;

WELLS (DIANE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO SPEEDY TRIAL - EXCLUDABLE TIME PERIODS - TIME RESULTING FROM AN APPEAL (CPL 30.30 [4][a]) - WHETHER THE EXCLUDABLE TIME RESULTING FROM AN APPEAL ENDED WHEN THE COURT OF APPEALS DENIED THE PEOPLE'S APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL, OR WHETHER IT ENDED ON THE LATER DATE TO WHICH THE TRIAL COURT HAD ORDERED A ROUTINE ADJOURNMENT PENDING THE DECISION ON THE PEOPLE'S APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL;

WILLIAM J. JENACK ESTATE APPRAISERS & AUCTIONEERS, INC. v

RABIZADEH: (Cal. Date - 11/13/13)

CONTRACTS - FORMATION OF CONTRACT - WHETHER NOTATIONS MADE BY PLAINTIFF AUCTION HOUSE CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH BIDDING ON AN ITEM, WHICH REFERRED TO DEFENDANT BIDDER AND THE CONSIGNOR OF AN AUCTIONED ANTIQUE BY NUMBER ONLY, CONSTITUTED A MEMORANDUM OF SALE SATISFYING THE STATUTE OF FRAUDS;

WILLIAMS, &c. v WEATHERSTONE et al.:

SCHOOLS - TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS - DUTY TO SAFELY TRANSPORT STUDENT TO SCHOOL - STUDENT STRUCK BY VEHICLE IN ATTEMPT TO CATCH BUS STOPPED ACROSS THE STREET - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OWED A DUTY TO THE STUDENT EVEN THOUGH THE STUDENT WAS NOT IN ITS PHYSICAL CUSTODY AND CONTROL WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED, BECAUSE "THE BUS ARRIVED AT THE BUS STOP, PASSED IT, AND THE DRIVER TURNED AROUND TO PICK UP THE [STUDENT]," AT WHICH POINT THE STUDENT RAN ACROSS THE STREET TO CATCH THE BUS AND WAS STRUCK BY A VEHICLE - PRATT v ROBINSON (39 NY2d 554 [1976]);

WISDOM (SIDNEY), PEOPLE v:

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COURT ABUSED ITS DISCRETION AS A MATTER OF LAW BY PERMITTING DEFENDANT TO FILE A MOTION TO DISMISS THE INDICTMENT AFTER THE TRIAL BEGAN BASED UPON THE TIMING OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH TO THE GRAND JURY WITNESS; WHETHER DEFENDANT'S CONVICTION ON LEGALLY SUFFICIENT TRIAL EVIDENCE PRECLUDES REVIEW ON APPEAL OF HIS CHALLENGE TO THE ALLEGEDLY DEFECTIVE GRAND JURY PROCEEDING - CPL 210.30(6);

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