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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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ABRAHAM, &c. v CHELSEA PIERS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

NEGLIGENCE - FORESEEABILITY - TRESPASSER DROWNING AT PIER - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN GRANTING DEFENDANT SUMMARY JUDGMENT DISMISSING THE COMPLAINT UPON THE GROUND THAT DECEDENT'S ACTIONS IN TRESPASSING ONTO A CLOSED PIER BY SCALING A LOCKED GATE WHILE INTOXICATED WERE NOT FORESEEABLE;

ACA FINANCIAL GUARANTY CORP. v GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO.:

FRAUD - FRAUD IN INDUCEMENT - ALLEGATION THAT PLAINTIFF WAS FRAUDULENTLY INDUCED TO ISSUE A FINANCIAL GUARANTY FOR A PORTION OF AN INVESTMENT BY MISREPRESENTATION THAT A NONPARTY HEDGE FUND WAS TAKING A LONG POSITION IN THE INVESTMENT WHEN SUCH FUND ACTUALLY WAS A SHORT SELLER - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT THE AMENDED COMPLAINT FAILED TO ESTABLISH JUSTIFIABLE RELIANCE AS A MATTER OF LAW BECAUSE PLAINTIFF DID NOT PLEAD THAT "IT EXERCISED DUE DILIGENCE BY INQUIRING ABOUT THE NONPUBLIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE HEDGE FUND WITH WHICH IT WAS IN CONTACT PRIOR TO ISSUING THE FINANCIAL GUARANTY, OR THAT IT INSERTED THE APPROPRIATE PROPHYLACTIC PROVISION TO ENSURE AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF MISREPRESENTATION";

ACE SECURITIES CORPORATION v DB STRUCTURED PRODUCTS, INC.:

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS - WHEN CAUSE OF ACTION ACCRUES - CONTRACT CAUSE OF ACTION STEMMING FROM BREACH OF REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES CONTAINED IN AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE SECURITIZATION OF RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGES - TIMELINESS OF CONTRACT CAUSE OF ACTION UNDER SIX-YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS;

AETNA HEALTH PLANS, &c. v HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY:

INSURANCE - NO-FAULT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE - WHETHER A HEALTH CARE INSURER THAT PAID FOR THE MEDICAL TREATMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL HURT IN A CAR ACCIDENT WHILE DRIVING A CAR COVERED BY NO-FAULT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE MAY MAINTAIN A REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM AGAINST THE NO-FAULT INSURANCE CARRIER UNDER PRINCIPLES OF SUBROGATION - 11 NYCRR 65-3.11(a); NECESSITY FOR PRIVITY OF CONTRACT; WHETHER THE COMPLAINT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISMISSED FOR LACK OF STANDING - ESTOPPEL - UNTIMELY DISCLAIMER;

AFILAL (ABDELOUHAD), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - SUFFICIENCY OF ALLOCUTION - WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS - WHETHER THE RECORD ESTABLISHED THAT DEFENDANT KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTELLIGENTLY WAIVED HIS BOYKIN RIGHTS WHERE DEFENDANT STATED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT HE UNDERSTOOD HE WAS WAIVING HIS RIGHT TO A TRIAL AND HAD A CHANCE TO FULLY DISCUSS THE PLEA AND ITS CONSEQUENCES WITH COUNSEL; CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA IN THE FIFTH DEGREE - SUFFICIENCY OF FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS IN ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT;

ALI v STATE OF NEW YORK:

MOTIONS AND ORDERS - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION ORDER DENYING CLAIMANT'S MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO PROCEED AS A POOR PERSON AND MOTION FOR "DE NOVO, EN BANC CAUSIDICUS" AND FOR FURTHER RELIEF;

AMALGAMATED BANK v HELMSLEY-SPEAR, et al.:

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AMBERS (NUGENE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS DENIED THE RIGHT TO EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL WHERE HIS COUNSEL FAILED TO RAISE A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS DEFENSE AS TO CERTAIN COUNTS, OBJECT TO CERTAIN STATEMENTS BY THE PROSECUTOR, MOVE FOR A MISTRIAL OR REQUEST CURATIVE INSTRUCTIONS;

AMBAC ASSURANCE CORP., et al. v COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.:

DISCLOSURE - MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE - COMMUNICATIONS SUBJECT TO ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE - WAIVER OF PRIVILEGE AS TO COMMUNICATIONS MADE BETWEEN ATTORNEY AND CLIENT IN KNOWN PRESENCE OF THIRD PARTY - COMMON-INTEREST EXCEPTION - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT THE COMMON-INTEREST EXCEPTION APPLIES EVEN WHERE THE PARTIES' COMMON LEGAL INTEREST DOES NOT INVOLVE PENDING OR REASONABLY ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - APPLICATION TO COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO PENDING MERGER;

MATTER OF ANONYMOUS, FOR ADMISSION AS AN ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR-AT-LAW:

ATTORNEY AND CLIENT - ADMISSION TO PRACTICE - CONVICTED FELON - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN DENYING PETITIONER'S THIRD APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR;

AOKI, MATTER OF v AOKI:

POWERS - POWER OF APPOINTMENT - VALIDITY OF IRREVOCABLE PARTIAL RELEASE - CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN DETERMINING THAT (1) THE BURDEN-SHIFTING FRAMEWORK FOR CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD BY A FIDUCIARY APPLIES ONLY WHERE THE

FIDUCIARY WAS A PARTY TO OR HAD AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT TRANSACTION AND (2) THE CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD DOCTRINE DID NOT APPLY BECAUSE DECEDENT'S ATTORNEYS WERE NOT PARTIES TO NOR HAD AN INTEREST IN THE RELEASES AT ISSUE, WHERE THE ATTORNEYS ALLEGEDLY BENEFITTED INDIRECTLY FROM THE SIGNING OF THE RELEASES;

ARAGON (ANTONIO), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT - FACIAL SUFFICIENCY - POSSESSION OF WEAPON - BRASS METAL KNUCKLES - WHETHER THE ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT WAS FACIALLY SUFFICIENT WHERE IT ALLEGED THAT POLICE RECOVERED FROM DEFENDANT "ONE SET OF BRASS METAL KNUCKLES";

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC v TAYLOR, &c., et al.:

MORTGAGES - FORECLOSURE - STANDING TO COMMENCE ACTION - WHETHER PLAINTIFF DEMONSTRATED PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE MORTGAGE NOTE AT THE TIME OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACTION - ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE BY MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS); SUMMARY JUDGMENT;

AYLWARD, et al., MATTER OF v ASSESSOR, CITY OF BUFFALO, et al.:

TAXATION - ASSESSMENT - REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW (RPTL) ARTICLE 7 PROCEEDINGS SEEKING REDUCTIONS IN THE VALUE OF THE ASSESSMENTS TO PETITIONERS' RESPECTIVE PROPERTIES - DISCOVERY REQUESTS BY RESPONDENTS INCLUDING INSPECTIONS OF THE INTERIORS OF PETITIONERS' HOMES - WHETHER RESPONDENTS' INTEREST IN CONDUCTING INTERIOR INSPECTIONS OUTWEIGHED PETITIONERS' PRIVACY RIGHTS UNDER THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION;

BANOS, MATTER OF v RHEA, et al.:

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS - FOUR-MONTH STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS - CHALLENGE TO TERMINATION OF SECTION 8 SUBSIDY - WHETHER THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS BEGINS TO RUN UPON A SECTION 8 BENEFICIARY'S RECEIPT OF A NOTICE OF DEFAULT LETTER ONLY WHEN THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY STRICTLY COMPLIES WITH THE THREE-STEP NOTICE PROCEDURE SET FORTH IN THE FIRST PARTIAL CONSENT JUDGMENT IN WILLIAMS v NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTH. (SDNY 1984);

BARDEN (SCOTT), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY - INTANGIBLES - CREDIT CARD NUMBERS - WHETHER A PERSON MAY BE CONVICTED FOR CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY IN THE FOURTH DEGREE FOR USING A CREDIT CARD NUMBER TO MAKE UNAUTHORIZED CHARGES WHERE THE RIGHTFUL OWNER RETAINS PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE CREDIT CARD (PENAL LAW § 165.45[2]) - CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION OF CREDIT CARD NUMBER; ALLEGED VIOLATION OF DEFENDANT'S STATUTORY SPEEDY TRIAL RIGHTS;

BARKSDALE (ANTHONY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ARREST - PROBABLE CAUSE - WHETHER THE POLICE HAD AN OBJECTIVE CREDIBLE REASON UNDER STEP ONE OF THE DEBOUR INQUIRY TO APPROACH DEFENDANT AND ASK HIM TO EXPLAIN HIS PRESENCE IN THE LOBBY OF AN APARTMENT BASED UPON THE REPUTATION OF THE AREA AND THE FACT THAT THE BUILDING WAS SO PRONE TO TRESPASSING THAT THE LANDLORD HAD EXECUTED A "TRESPASS AFFIDAVIT" REQUESTING POLICE ASSISTANCE IN REMOVING INTRUDERS FROM THE BUILDING;

BARNES (THOMAS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - TRESPASSING - WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL MAY BE PROSECUTED FOR SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASS IN A PUBLIC HOUSING APARTMENT BUILDING, OR IF SUCH CONDUCT CAN ONLY BE PROSECUTED AS THIRD-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASS; PENAL LAW §§ 140.10(e) AND (f), 140.15(1);

BARNEY-YEBOAH v METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD, &c.:

NEGLIGENCE - RES IPSA LOQUITUR - SUMMARY JUDGMENT - TRAIN CEILING UTILITY PANEL SWUNG OPEN AND STRUCK PASSENGER - EXCLUSIVE CONTROL - WHETHER THERE IS A TRIABLE ISSUE OF FACT AS TO WHETHER THE INSTRUMENTALITY CAUSING THE ACCIDENT WAS WITHIN DEFENDANT'S EXCLUSIVE CONTROL;

BARRETO v METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY:

LABOR - SAFE PLACE TO WORK - FALL INTO UNCOVERED MANHOLE - WHETHER DEFENDANTS WERE ENTITLED TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON PLAINTIFF'S LABOR LAW § 240(1) CLAIM UPON THE GROUND THAT HIS FAILURE TO COVER THE MANHOLE AS DIRECTED WAS THE SOLE PROXIMATE CAUSE OF HIS INJURIES; PROPRIETY OF SUMMARY JUDGMENT DISMISSING CLAIMS FOR COMMON-LAW NEGLIGENCE AND FOR VIOLATIONS OF LABOR LAW §§ 200 AND 241(6);

BASILE (CURTIS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS - MENS REA - WHETHER THE PEOPLE ARE REQUIRED TO PROVE THAT A DEFENDANT HAS A CULPABLE MENTAL STATE TO SUPPORT A CONVICTION FOR FAILING TO PROVIDE AN ANIMAL WITH NECESSARY SUSTENANCE IN VIOLATION OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW § 353 - DEFENDANT FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO PROVIDE FOR HIS DOG;

BAXIN (JOSE MARTINEZ), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT (SORA) - WHETHER THE SORA HEARING COURT COMMITTED REVERSIBLE ERROR BY CONSIDERING GRAND JURY MINUTES THAT WERE NOT DISCLOSED TO DEFENDANT AND OVER DEFENSE COUNSEL'S OBJECTION;

BERRY (OLIVER), PEOPLE v a/k/a TUCKER (CHRIS):

CRIMES - WITNESSES - WHETHER WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION'S INVOCATION OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT PRIVILEGE AGAINST SELF-INCRIMINATION ADDED CRITICAL WEIGHT TO THE PROSECUTION'S CASE - INFERENCES DRAWN BY WITNESS'S SILENCE; WHETHER TRIAL COURT PROPERLY PRECLUDED DEFENDANT'S EXPERT WITNESS FROM TESTIFYING ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF STRESS ON ACCURACY OF IDENTIFICATION;

BILAL (RASHID), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY DETERMINED THAT COUNSEL'S ERROR IN FAILING TO MOVE TO SUPPRESS A WEAPON DEFENDANT DISCARDED WHILE BEING CHASED BY PLAINCLOTHES POLICE DID NOT CAUSE DEFENDANT PREJUDICE BECAUSE DEFENDANT WOULD NOT HAVE PREVAILED ON A SUPPRESSION MOTION BASED UPON THE COURT'S CONCLUSION THAT "THE UNDISPUTED FACTS ESTABLISH THAT, WHEN ADDED TO THE INFORMATION ALREADY KNOWN TO THE POLICE, DEFENDANT'S FLIGHT CREATED REASONABLE SUSPICION WARRANTING PURSUIT" AND "THE SEIZURE WAS LAWFUL, IN ANY EVENT, UNDER THE DOCTRINE OF ABANDONMENT";

BOTTOM, MATTER OF v ANNUCCI, &c.:

PRISONS AND PRISONERS - DISCIPLINE OF INMATES - WHETHER A PRISON DISCIPLINARY DETERMINATION CAN BE BASED UPON A LOCAL FACILITY RULE THAT WAS NOT FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE;

BOTTOM, MATTER OF v ANNUCCI:

PRISONS AND PRISONERS - CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT - CORRECTIONAL FACILITY THAT PERMITS INMATES TO OWN AND USE PERSONAL TELEVISIONS WHILE RESTRICTING PACKAGES THAT INMATES MAY RECEIVE - WHETHER RESPONDENTS' DENIAL OF INMATE GRIEVANCE PERTAINING TO ACCESS TO PREMIUM TELEVISION CHANNELS WAS ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS, IRRATIONAL OR AFFECTED BY AN ERROR OF LAW, WHERE A DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTIVE ALLOWS SUCH ACCESS IF THE INMATE LIAISON COMMITTEE (ILC) DETERMINES THAT THE INMATE POPULATION IS IN FAVOR OF THAT ADDITIONAL SERVICE, AND RESPONDENT SUPERINTENDENT DIRECTED PETITIONER TO ADDRESS HIS CONCERNS TO THE ILC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT DIRECTIVE; WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT PETITIONER FAILED TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR LEGAL RIGHT TO RELIEF IN THE NATURE OF MANDAMUS TO COMPEL RESPONDENTS TO CONDUCT A VOTE ON THE USE OF PERSONAL TELEVISIONS AND TO PERMIT PETITIONER TO RECEIVE UNRESTRICTED MONTHLY PACKAGES, OR THAT THE FACILITY'S DESIGNATION AS A "TV FACILITY" AND CONCOMITANT RESTRICTION OF PACKAGES WAS ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS OR AN ABUSE OF DISCRETION;

BRANCH, &c. v COUNTY OF SULLIVAN:

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES - COMMUNITY COLLEGE - WRONGFUL DEATH

ACTION BY ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATE OF A STUDENT WHO HAD A FATAL HEART ATTACK IN A COLLEGE DORMITORY BASED ON, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE FAILURE TO PROVIDE AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ON CAMPUS - WHETHER THE COUNTY OWED A DUTY OF CARE TO DECEDENT STUDENT BASED ON ITS STATUS AS A LOCAL SPONSOR OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PURSUANT TO EDUCATION LAW, ARTICLE 63;

BROWN & BROWN, INC. et al. v JOHNSON et al.:

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIPS - RESTRICTIVE COVENANT IN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT - CLAIMED BREACHES OF NONSOLICITATION AND NONINDUCEMENT CLAUSES OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT - WHETHER THE FLORIDA CHOICE-OF-LAW CLAUSE IN THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT IS "TRULY OBNOXIOUS" TO NEW YORK PUBLIC POLICY AND UNENFORCEABLE - WHETHER NONSOLICITATION CLAUSE COULD BE PARTIALLY ENFORCED;

BROWN (JARROD), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - RESENTENCING UNDER DRUG LAW REFORM ACT, AS AMENDED IN 2011 - ELIGIBILITY - WHETHER A PAROLEE IS IN THE "CUSTODY" OF THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WITHIN THE MEANING OF CPL 440.46(1) AND, THUS, ELIGIBLE FOR RESENTENCING UNDER THAT PROVISION;

BROWN (STANLEY A.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT (SORA) - PROPER STANDARD OF PROOF TO BE APPLIED TO DEFENDANT SEEKING TO PROVE THE EXISTENCE OF A MITIGATING FACTOR WARRANTING A DOWNWARD DEPARTURE UNDER SORA; DEGREE OF CONSIDERATION A HEARING COURT SHOULD GIVE TO A CERTIFICATE OF RELIEF FROM CIVIL DISABILITIES WHEN ASSESSING A DEFENDANT POINTS UNDER RISK FACTOR 9 FOR A PRIOR DWI CONVICTION;

BURTON v NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE:

TAXATION - NONRESIDENT SHAREHOLDERS - PLAINTIFFS' ELECTION UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE CODE § 338(h)(10) TO TREAT STOCK SALE AS AN ASSET SALE - WHETHER TAX LAW § 632(a)(2), AS AMENDED IN 2010, VIOLATES ARTICLE XVI, § 3 OF THE NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTION BY TREATING THE GAIN FROM THE SALE OF STOCK SUBJECT TO SUCH AN ELECTION AS NEW YORK SOURCE INCOME TAXABLE IN NEW YORK, RATHER THAN AS NON-TAXABLE INCOME FROM THE SALE OF INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY;

CALDAVADO a/k/a CALDERARO(ALMA), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS ENTITLED TO AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING ON HER CPL 440.10 MOTION ASSERTING INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF TRIAL COUNSEL IN LIGHT OF GROWING BODY OF MEDICAL EVIDENCE, NOT INTRODUCED AT TRIAL, SUGGESTING THAT "SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME" CAN BE EXPLAINED BY A MEDICAL CONDITION UNRELATED TO PHYSICAL TREATMENT OF THE CHILD;

CAPRIO v NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE:

STATUTES - RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF STATUTE - PERSONAL INCOME TAX - WHETHER RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF 2010 AMENDMENT TO TAX LAW § 632(a)(2) VIOLATES PLAINTIFFS' DUE PROCESS RIGHTS;

CARR (LEE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - WHETHER TRIAL COURT VIOLATED DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO COUNSEL BY CONDUCTING AN EX PARTE, UNTRANSCRIBED DISCUSSION WITH THE PEOPLE'S MAIN WITNESS WHO CLAIMED HE WAS TOO ILL TO TESTIFY ON THE DAY HE WAS SCHEDULED; TRIAL COURT'S REFUSAL TO CHARGE THE LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE OF ASSAULT IN THE THIRD DEGREE;

CARVER, MATTER OF v STATE OF NEW YORK, et al.:

SOCIAL SERVICES - PUBLIC ASSISTANCE - STATE'S ENTITLEMENT TO REIMBURSEMENT FROM FORMER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT'S LOTTERY WINNINGS - WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (WEP) PARTICIPANT - WHETHER A PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFICIARY WHO WAS STATUTORILY REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW YORK CITY'S WEP AS A CONDITION OF CONTINUED RECEIPT OF BENEFITS (SOCIAL SERVICES LAW § 336[1][d]), WAS AN "EMPLOYEE" ENTITLED TO THE MINIMUM WAGE PROTECTIONS OF THE FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (29 USC § 201, et seq);

CARVER (LEROY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - LEGITIMATE REASON FOR FAILURE TO MAKE SUPPRESSION MOTION - FUTILITY OF SUPPRESSION MOTION - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS DEPRIVED OF THE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN TRIAL COUNSEL DID NOT MOVE TO SUPPRESS THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE; CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - FAILURE TO FOLLOW POLICE OFFICER'S INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING STOP OF VEHICLE - ATTEMPTING TO EXIT VEHICLE FOLLOWING DRIVER'S FLIGHT;

CATES, SR. (WALTER), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT VIOLATED DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO COUNSEL BY CONDUCTING AN EX PARTE, UNTRANSCRIBED DISCUSSION WITH THE PEOPLE'S MAIN WITNESS WHO CLAIMED HE WAS TOO ILL TO TESTIFY ON THE DAY HE WAS SCHEDULED;

CEDENO (ASSAD), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT OF CONFRONTATION - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT THE ADMISSION INTO EVIDENCE OF A CODEFENDANT'S REDACTED STATEMENT TO POLICE DID NOT VIOLATE THE BRUTON RULE "BECAUSE THE SUBJECT REDACTION WOULD NOT HAVE CAUSED THE JURORS TO REALIZE THAT THE CONFESSION REFERS SPECIFICALLY TO THE DEFENDANT" - PROOF OF OTHER CRIMES - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT IMPROPERLY ADMITTED PRIOR UNCHARGED CRIME EVIDENCE AGAINST DEFENDANT WITHOUT FIRST EVALUATING ITS RELIABILITY;

CISSE, MATTER OF v GRAHAM:

PARENT, CHILD AND FAMILY - CUSTODY - CHANGE OF CUSTODY - FAMILY COURT ORDER MODIFYING PRIOR CUSTODY ORDER TO CHANGE CUSTODY FROM MOTHER TO FATHER; WHETHER FAMILY COURT'S AFFIRMED FINDING THAT A SUFFICIENT CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES OCCURRED WARRANTING MODIFICATION OF ITS PRIOR CUSTODY ORDER IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS HAS A SUFFICIENT BASIS IN THE RECORD;

COLUMBIA COUNTY SUPPORT COLLECTION UNIT, &c., MATTER OF v RISLEY:
 PARENT, CHILD AND FAMILY - SUPPORT - WILLFUL VIOLATION OF ORDERS OF SUPPORT - REVOCATION OF SUSPENDED SENTENCES OF INCARCERATION AND IMPOSITION OF CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF INCARCERATION - WHETHER FAMILY COURT ACT § 454(3)(a) PERMITS CONSECUTIVE COMMITMENTS FOR VIOLATIONS OF PRIOR CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS;

CONCEICAO (JOSEPH), PEOPLE v:
 CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - WHETHER THE GUILTY PLEA WAS VOLUNTARY, KNOWING AND INTELLIGENT WHERE DEFENDANT WAS NOT INFORMED OF THE RIGHTS HE WAS WAIVING PRIOR TO MAKING HIS GUILTY PLEA - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS REQUIRED TO PRESERVE FOR APPELLATE REVIEW HIS CHALLENGE TO THE GUILTY PLEA;

CONNOLLY (JONATHAN J.), PEOPLE v:
 CRIMES - EVIDENCE - RESTITUTION - EVIDENTIARY BASIS FOR AMOUNT - WHETHER THE PROCEDURES USED AT DEFENDANT'S RESTITUTION HEARING COMPORTED WITH PENAL LAW § 60.27 AND CPL 400.30 WHERE COUNTY COURT RELIED ON THE TRANSCRIPT AND EXHIBITS FROM A HEARING PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED BY A JUDICIAL HEARING OFFICER; WHETHER THE DELAY IN IMPOSING RESTITUTION DIVESTED THE COURT OF JURISDICTION; WHETHER COUNSEL PROVIDED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE;

COOPERATIEVE CENTRALE RAIFFEISEN-BOERENLEENBANK, B.A. v NAVARRO:
 CONTRACTS - GUARANTEE TO PAY OBLIGATIONS OF COMPANY ARISING UNDER A PURCHASE AGREEMENT - WHETHER DEFAULT JUDGMENT OBTAINED AGAINST COMPANY CAN BE A VALID "OBLIGATION" SUBJECT TO THE GUARANTEE IF THE JUDGMENT WAS OBTAINED BY COLLUSION - WHETHER WAIVER OF DEFENSES IN GUARANTEE PRECLUDES GUARANTOR FROM ARGUING THAT NO VALID OBLIGATION EXISTED BECAUSE OF COLLUSION - SUMMARY JUDGMENT IN LIEU OF COMPLAINT;

CUSIMANO v SCHNURR:
 ARBITRATION - FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT (FAA) - AGREEMENTS INVOLVING INTERSTATE COMMERCE - COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT THE FAA APPLIED TO THE CONTRACTS AT ISSUE BY LOOKING BEYOND THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE AGREEMENTS AND CONSIDERING TRANSACTIONS THAT OCCURRED AFTER THE AGREEMENTS WERE EXECUTED; WAIVER OF RIGHT TO ARBITRATE - WHETHER PLAINTIFFS WAIVED THEIR RIGHT TO ARBITRATION BY FILING AN ACTION IN COURT AND PARTICIPATING IN LITIGATION BEFORE FILING FOR ARBITRATION - LACK OF PREJUDICE TO DEFENDANTS;
DANIEL (SPARKLE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - CONFESSION - CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT STATEMENTS DEFENDANT MADE FOLLOWING THE ADMINISTRATION OF MIRANDA WARNINGS HAD TO BE SUPPRESSED BECAUSE THEY WERE THE RESULT OF A CONTINUING CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION THAT BEGAN BEFORE THE WARNINGS WERE ADMINISTERED AND CONTINUED WITHOUT A PRONOUNCED BREAK;

DAVIDSON v STATE OF NEW YORK:

MOTIONS AND ORDERS - DENIAL OF REARGUMENT OF A COURT OF CLAIMS ORDER DENYING CLAIMANT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT;

DAVIS et al. v SOUTH NASSAU COMMUNITIES HOSPITAL, et al.:

NEGLIGENCE - DUTY - WHETHER DEFENDANTS OWED A DUTY OF CARE TO PLAINTIFF WHO WAS INJURED WHEN THE BUS HE WAS OPERATING WAS STRUCK BY A VEHICLE DRIVEN BY DEFENDANT'S PATIENT AFTER SHE ALLEGEDLY BECAME UNCONSCIOUS AS A RESULT OF NARCOTIC MEDICATIONS ADMINISTERED TO HER AT DEFENDANT HOSPITAL'S EMERGENCY ROOM; PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS;

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MOTOR VEHICLES - COLLISION - STREET-SWEEPING VEHICLE NOT HAZARD VEHICLE FOR PURPOSES OF RECKLESS DISREGARD STANDARD - PROXIMATE CAUSE;

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

CIVIL RIGHTS - WHETHER DETERMINATION DENYING APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER WAS ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS, AN ABUSE OF DISCRETION OR CONTRARY TO LAW;

DENSON (RAYMOND), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - KIDNAPPING - ATTEMPT - RESTRAINT OF CHILD LESS THAN 16 YEARS OLD - WHETHER THE EVIDENCE WAS LEGALLY SUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH THAT DEFENDANT COMMITTED ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING IN THE SECOND DEGREE; PROOF OF PRIOR CONVICTIONS - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT PROPERLY EXERCISED ITS DISCRETION IN PERMITTING TESTIMONY REGARDING DEFENDANT'S PRIOR CONVICTION OF SEX CRIME COMMITTED AGAINST A CHILD OVER TWENTY YEARS AGO, AND THE FACTS UNDERLYING THAT CONVICTION, ON THE ISSUE OF DEFENDANT'S INTENT; WHETHER THE ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING CHARGE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISMISSED UNDER THE MERGER DOCTRINE; CONFESSION - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S STATEMENTS TO POLICE WERE ADMISSIBLE AS NONCUSTODIAL STATEMENTS AND POST-MIRANDA STATEMENTS; RIGHT TO COUNSEL - ALLEGED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF TRIAL COUNSEL IN ALLOWING THE DEFENSE EXPERT TO TESTIFY UNDER THE PREMISE THAT DEFENDANT WAS A PEDOPHILE AND IN FAILING TO OBJECT WHEN THE PROSECUTION'S EXPERT BASED HER CONCLUSIONS ON THAT PREMISE;

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LIMITATION OF ACTIONS - FOUR-MONTH STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS - CHALLENGE TO TERMINATION OF SECTION 8 SUBSIDY - WHETHER THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS BEGINS TO RUN UPON A SECTION 8 BENEFICIARY'S RECEIPT OF A NOTICE OF DEFAULT LETTER ONLY WHERE THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY STRICTLY COMPLIES WITH THE THREE-STEP NOTICE PROCEDURE SET FORTH IN THE FIRST PARTIAL CONSENT JUDGMENT IN WILLIAMS v NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTH. (SDNY 1984);

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CRIMES - EVIDENCE - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT COMMITTED REVERSIBLE ERROR IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO ADMIT EVIDENCE OF ALLEGED THIRD-PARTY CULPABILITY, CONSISTING OF THE THIRD-PARTY'S ALLEGED DECLARATION AGAINST PENAL INTEREST, WHERE PROOF OF THE THIRD-PARTY'S PRIOR ACTS OF MISCONDUCT ARE PROFFERED UNDER A "REVERSE MOLINEUX" THEORY TO DEMONSTRATE THE RELIABILITY OF SUCH DECLARATION; RIGHT TO COUNSEL - ALLEGED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF TRIAL COUNSEL FOR FAILING TO REQUEST THAT (1) THE ALLEGEDLY CULPABLE THIRD PARTY BE GRANTED IMMUNITY UPON INVOKING HIS RIGHT AGAINST SELF-INCRIMINATION AND (2) A PARTICULAR WITNESS BE CHARGED TO THE JURY AS AN ACCOMPLICE IN FACT;

DOBINSKI v LOCKHART:

ANIMALS - LIABILITY FOR INJURIES - DOG COLLIDING WITH BICYCLIST - EXISTENCE OF NEGLIGENCE CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DOG'S OWNER - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY DISMISSED CAUSE OF ACTION FOR STRICT LIABILITY UPON THE GROUND THAT NO TRIABLE ISSUE OF FACT EXISTED AS TO WHETHER DEFENDANTS HAD ACTUAL OR CONSTRUCTIVE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEIR DOG HAD A PROPENSITY TO INTERFERE WITH TRAFFIC;

DOERR v GOLDSMITH:

ANIMALS - LIABILITY FOR INJURIES - DOG COLLIDING WITH BICYCLIST - NEGLIGENCE CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DOG'S OWNER;

DRYDEN MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY v GOESSL:

INSURANCE - DUTY TO DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY - BUSINESS GENERAL LIABILITY POLICY - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY DETERMINED THAT, FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE PURPOSES, DEFENDANT PLUMBER WAS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, NOT AN EMPLOYEE, FOR DEFENDANT PLUMBING COMPANY WHEN THE ALLEGED NEGLIGENT ACTS OCCURRED;

DUBARRY (DARIUS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - MURDER - DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE MURDER - JUSTIFICATION DEFENSE - SUBMISSION OF INTENTIONAL MURDER AND DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE MURDER COUNTS TO THE JURY IN THE CONJUNCTIVE, RATHER THAN IN THE ALTERNATIVE; WITNESSES - UNAVAILABILITY OF WITNESS - WHETHER THE PEOPLE ESTABLISHED BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT DEFENDANT'S MISCONDUCT PROCURED WITNESS'S UNAVAILABILITY;

DURANT (EVERETT M.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ROBBERY - JURY INSTRUCTIONS - WHETHER COUNTY COURT PROPERLY DENIED DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR AN ADVERSE INFERENCE CHARGE REQUESTED BECAUSE THE POLICE, ALTHOUGH CAPABLE OF DOING SO, FAILED TO VIDEOTAPE DEFENDANT'S CONFESSION;

ECHEVARRIA, MATTER OF v WAMBUA, et al.:

PARTIES - STANDING - CHALLENGE TO PUBLIC HOUSING OCCUPANCY WAIVER - WHETHER PETITIONER, AS HEAD OF A FIVE-PERSON HOUSEHOLD LIVING IN A TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT, LACKED STANDING TO CHALLENGE THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT'S (HPD) WAIVER OF THE SIX-PERSON OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT FOR A FOUR-BEDROOM APARTMENT IN A MITCHELL-LAMA BUILDING, WHERE THE WAIVER WAS GRANTED TO ANOTHER FIVE-PERSON FAMILY WHO FILED AN APPLICATION FOR THE APARTMENT, PETITIONER HAD NOT SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION, AND HPD LATER DETERMINED THAT IT DID NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO GRANT SUCH A WAIVER;

EL-DEHDAN v EL-DEHDAN A/K/A REED:

CONTEMPT - CIVIL CONTEMPT - IN A MATRIMONIAL ACTION, WHETHER PLAINTIFF MET HER BURDEN OF PROOF REGARDING DEFENDANT'S VIOLATION OF AN ORDER DIRECTING HIM TO DEPOSIT WITH PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY THE PROCEEDS OF A CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION - WHETHER SUPREME COURT IMPROPERLY DREW AN ADVERSE INFERENCE AGAINST DEFENDANT FOR INVOKING HIS CONSTITUTIONAL PRIVILEGE AGAINST SELF-INCRIMINATION - WHETHER WILLFULNESS IS AN ELEMENT OF CIVIL CONTEMPT;

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - ZONING - NONCONFORMING USE - COMMON-LAW VESTED RIGHT - WHETHER PROPERTY OWNER ESTABLISHED A VESTED RIGHT UNDER THE COMMON LAW TO DEVELOP PROPERTY UNDER A FORMER ZONING REGULATION BY TAKING VARIOUS ACTIONS IN RELIANCE UPON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF A SITE PLAN;

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MATTER OF FIZZINOGLIA, DECEASED:

WILLS - ELECTIVE SHARE OF SURVIVING SPOUSE - WHETHER A PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT DISQUALIFIED SURVIVING SPOUSE AS A DISTRIBUTEE OF DECEDENT'S ESTATE - WHETHER THE PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT WAS INVALID AND UNENFORCEABLE ON THE GROUNDS THAT AN ESSENTIAL TERM WAS OMITTED FROM THE AGREEMENT AND THE AGREEMENT WAS UNCONSCIONABLE OR PROCURED THROUGH FRAUD, DURESS, OVERREACHING OR OTHER INEQUITABLE CONDUCT;

FLANDERS (PERNELL A.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - JURORS - JURY INSTRUCTIONS - CLAIM THAT TRIAL COURT'S INSTRUCTION TO THE JURY CONSTRUCTIVELY AMENDED THE INDICTMENT, RENDERING IT DUPLICITOUS; MULTIPLE SHOTS FIRED FROM TWO FIREARMS; CONTINUING OFFENSE; WHETHER SHELL CASINGS WERE PROPERLY ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE; CLAIMED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL; CLAIMED EXCESSIVE SENTENCE;

FLUSHING SAVINGS BANK, FSB v BITAR &c., et al.:

MORTGAGES - FORECLOSURE - DEFICIENCY JUDGMENT - WHETHER AFFIDAVIT OF PLAINTIFF'S APPRAISER WAS TOO CONCLUSORY TO ESTABLISH A PRIMA FACIE SHOWING OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AS OF THE FORECLOSURE SALE DATE - DENIAL OF PLAINTIFF'S UNOPPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEFICIENCY JUDGMENT WITHOUT EXPRESSED FINDING AS TO PROPERTY VALUE, HEARING ON VALUATION OR OPPORTUNITY FOR PLAINTIFF TO CURE ALLEGED INSUFFICIENCY IN PROOF;

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GARY (ALFRED), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - CONSPIRACY - DEFENDANT CLAIMS HEARSAY EVIDENCE MISTAKENLY STIPULATED INTO EVIDENCE WITH LARGE NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE - SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CONSPIRACY CHARGE; CLAIMED REPUGNANCY OF VERDICT DUE TO ACQUITTALS ON OTHER CHARGES BASED ON THE SAME FACTS UNDERLYING SCHEME TO DEFRAUD;

GENTIL, MATTER OF v MARGULIS, et al.:

PROCEEDING AGAINST BODY OR OFFICER - PROHIBITION - CPLR ARTICLE 78 PROCEEDING TO PROHIBIT RESPONDENTS FROM RETRYING PETITIONER ON TWO COUNTS OF THE INDICTMENT IN PEOPLE v GENTIL ON THE GROUND THAT TO DO SO WOULD SUBJECT HIM TO DOUBLE JEOPARDY - TRIAL COURT DECLINED TO ACCEPT A PARTIAL VERDICT - DISCHARGE OF JUROR - MISTRIAL;

GLICK, MATTER OF v HARVEY:

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE - IMPLIED DEDICATION OF LAND FOR PUBLIC USE - USE OF PARTS OF PARCELS FOR PARK-LIKE PURPOSES - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT PETITIONERS FAILED TO MEET THEIR BURDEN OF SHOWING THAT MUNICIPALITY'S ACTS AND DECLARATIONS MANIFESTED A PRESENT, FIXED AND UNEQUIVOCAL INTENT TO DEDICATE PARCELS AT ISSUE AS PUBLIC PARKLAND;

GOLDMAN (ARON), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ENTERPRISE CORRUPTION - MEDICAL CLINIC USED TO FACILITATE INSURANCE FRAUD - LEGAL SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE - WHETHER THE "CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE" DEFINED IN PENAL LAW § 460.10(3) MUST BE STRUCTURED SO AS TO PERMIT THE ENTERPRISE TO CONTINUE IN EXISTENCE WITHOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF ONE OR MORE KEY PARTICIPANTS; INSTRUCTIONS - ACCESSORIAL LIABILITY - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT'S JURY INSTRUCTIONS ON ACCESSORIAL LIABILITY CONVEYED THE APPROPRIATE LEGAL STANDARD; RIGHT TO COUNSEL - ALLEGED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF TRIAL COUNSEL FOR FAILING TO PRESERVE CERTAIN ISSUES FOR APPELLATE REVIEW;

GOLO (ALLY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - DRUG LAW REFORM ACT OF 2009 - RESENTENCING DENIED BASED ON SUBSTANTIAL JUSTICE - WHETHER TRIAL COURT HAS AUTHORITY TO DENY A MOTION FOR RESENTENCING WITHOUT HOLDING A HEARING;

GONZALEZ (RICHARD), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - POSSESSION OF WEAPON - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN INSTRUCTING THE JURY THAT TO BE GUILTY OF POSSESSING A "GRAVITY KNIFE" (PENAL LAW § 265.01[1]), DEFENDANT HAD TO KNOW ONLY THAT HE HAD A KNIFE IN HIS POSSESSION, AND NOT THAT THE KNIFE HAD THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A "GRAVITY KNIFE" (PENAL LAW § 265.00[5]) - SCIENTER ELEMENT OF CRIME; SEARCH - WHETHER POLICE STOP AND SEARCH OF DEFENDANT WAS JUSTIFIED;

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GRAHAM (CLIFFORD), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - CONFESSION - WHETHER STATEMENTS DEFENDANT MADE TO POLICE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUPPRESSED BECAUSE THEY WERE GIVEN DURING A CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION AND WITHOUT THE PRIOR ADMINISTRATION OF MIRANDA WARNINGS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT THOSE STATEMENTS WERE NOT SUBJECT TO SUPPRESSION BECAUSE THE POLICE COULD INFER FROM DEFENDANT'S CONDUCT AND HIS ATTORNEY'S ASSURANCES THAT DEFENDANT WAIVED HIS MIRANDA RIGHTS AND THAT SUCH WAIVER WAS MADE ON THE ADVICE OF COUNSEL;

GRAY (ROY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - FAILURE TO MOVE TO REOPEN SUPPRESSION HEARING AFTER TRIAL TESTIMONY ESTABLISHED THAT DEFENDANT HAD "A STRONGER ARGUMENT THAT HIS WRITTEN STATEMENT WAS NOT ATTENUATED" THAN THE APPELLATE DIVISION BELIEVED WHEN IT PREVIOUSLY REVERSED THE TRIAL COURT'S GRANT OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO SUPPRESS THAT STATEMENT; EVIDENCE - AMMUNITION OF TYPE CAPABLE OF BEING USED IN HOMICIDE - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS PREJUDICED BY THE ADMISSION INTO EVIDENCE OF LIVE AMMUNITION FOUND WHEN HIS HALF-BROTHER WAS ARRESTED; GREATER JAMAICA DEVELOPMENT CORP., et al. MATTER OF v NEW YORK

CITY TAX COMMISSION, et al.:

TAXATION - EXEMPTIONS - PARKING FACILITIES OWNED AND OPERATED BY A CHARITABLE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION WITH A MISSION TO PROMOTE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN A SPECIFIC AREA - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY RULED THAT THE PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES WERE ENTITLED TO A TAX EXEMPTION UNDER RPTL 420-a;

GREATER NEW YORK TAXI ASSOCIATION, et al. v THE NEW YORK CITY TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION:

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - REGULATION OF TAXICAB BUSINESS - WHETHER NEW YORK CITY TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION (TLC) EXCEEDED ITS AUTHORITY BY ISSUING RULE REQUIRING NEW TAXICABS TO BE SPECIFIC MODEL MADE BY SINGLE MANUFACTURER - WHETHER THE TLC VIOLATED THE SEPARATION OF POWERS DOCTRINE BY DESIGNATING A NON-HYBRID, NON-ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL TAXICAB;

GRIGGS (PERRY C.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ROBBERY - FORCIBLE STEALING - WHETHER LEGALLY SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE EXISTED TO ESTABLISH THAT DEFENDANT FORCIBLY STOLE PROPERTY FROM THE VICTIM WHILE USING A GUN; WHETHER DEFENDANT'S SENTENCE WAS PROPERLY THE SUBJECT OF A SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT PURSUANT TO PENAL LAW § 60.07; GRAND JURY - DEFECTIVE PROCEEDING - SHACKLED DEFENDANT - PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE GRAND JURY IN SHACKLES, THE PROSECUTOR'S CROSS-EXAMINATION OF DEFENDANT, OR THE PROSECUTOR'S FAILURE TO INFORM THE GRAND JURY OF A DEFENSE REQUEST TO HAVE ANOTHER WITNESS TESTIFY RENDERED THE PROCEEDING DEFECTIVE AND WARRANTED DISMISSAL OF THE INDICTMENT;

GROSS (GORDON), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - FAILURE TO OBJECT TO THE PROSECUTION'S PRESENTATION OF AND REFERENCE TO TESTIMONY OF CERTAIN NON-EXPERT WITNESSES ON THE GROUND THAT SUCH TESTIMONY BOLSTERED THE TESTIMONY OF THE VICTIM OF A CHILD SEX CRIME - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY RULED THAT THE TESTIMONY DID NOT CONSTITUTE IMPROPER BOLSTERING BECAUSE IT WAS NOT ADMITTED FOR ITS TRUTH, AND THAT COUNSEL'S FAILURE TO OBJECT TO THAT TESTIMONY THEREFORE DID NOT CONSTITUTE INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE - WHETHER DEFENSE COUNSEL WAS INEFFECTIVE FOR FAILING TO CONSULT WITH OR PRESENT TESTIMONY FROM A MEDICAL EXPERT ON DEFENDANT'S BEHALF;

GUMBS et al. v FLUSHING TOWN CENTER III, L.P. et al.:

DISCLOSURE - MEDICAL RECORDS AND REPORTS - CPLR 3126 MOTION TO STRIKE COMPLAINT UPON PLAINTIFFS' REFUSAL TO PROVIDE MEDICAL AUTHORIZATIONS - WHETHER DEFENDANTS DEMONSTRATED THAT THE RECORDS SOUGHT WERE RELATED TO THE CLAIMED INJURIES, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, LOSS OF FUTURE EARNINGS AND LOSS OF ENJOYMENT OF LIFE;

GUTHRIE (REBECCA), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - FAILURE TO STOP AT A STOP SIGN - WHETHER A POLICE OFFICER'S REASONABLE BELIEF THAT DEFENDANT HAD RUN A STOP SIGN PROVIDED PROBABLE CAUSE FOR A TRAFFIC STOP, EVEN THOUGH THE STOP SIGN WAS NOT AUTHORIZED; DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED - WHETHER THE "FRUIT OF THE POISONOUS TREE" DOCTRINE REQUIRES SUPPRESSION OF BLOOD-ALCOHOL EVIDENCE OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF A TRAFFIC STOP BASED UPON DEFENDANT'S FAILURE TO STOP AT AN UNAUTHORIZED STOP SIGN;

WALLY G., &c. v NEW YORK CITY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORPORATION:
MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - NOTICE OF CLAIM - LATE NOTICE - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT MEDICAL RECORDS DID NOT PUT HOSPITAL ON NOTICE OF ALLEGED MEDICAL MALPRACTICE BECAUSE INFANT'S CONDITION WAS CONSISTENT WITH PREMATURE BIRTH RATHER THAN MALPRACTICE;

HARDY (PETTIS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - INSTRUCTIONS - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT PROPERLY DECLINED TO GIVE THE JURY A CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE CHARGE ON THE BASIS THAT THERE WAS BOTH DIRECT AND CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF DEFENDANT'S GUILT; TRIAL - MISTRIAL - DENIAL OF MISTRIAL MOTIONS - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN GIVING SUPPLEMENTAL CHARGES TO ENCOURAGE THE JURY TO REACH A VERDICT IN RESPONSE TO TWO NOTES FROM THE JURY INDICATING DEADLOCK, WHERE THE TRIAL WAS RELATIVELY UNCOMPLICATED AND THE JURY DELIBERATIONS WERE LENGTHY; EVIDENCE - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT IMPROPERLY ADMITTED TESTIMONY OF TWO PROSECUTION WITNESSES NARRATING SURVEILLANCE VIDEOTAPES;

HARRIS v CITY OF NEW YORK:

DISMISSAL AND NONSUIT - FAILURE TO SERVE COMPLAINT - FAILURE TO APPEAR - REASONABLE EXCUSE FOR DEFAULT; JUDGMENTS - RES JUDICATA - ISSUES THAT WERE OR COULD HAVE BEEN RAISED IN PRIOR ACTION;

HARRIS (DAVON), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER DEFENDANT RECEIVED EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN HIS TRIAL ATTORNEY FAILED TO RAISE A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS DEFENSE THAT WOULD HAVE BARRED PROSECUTION ON ONE OF THE TWO INDICTED CRIMES; SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE OF DEFENDANT'S INTENT TO STEAL PROPERTY WHEN HE ENTERED THE DWELLING; FAILURE OF TRIAL COURT TO GRANT DEFENDANT'S FOR-CAUSE CHALLENGE TO A JUROR; CLAIMED DUE PROCESS VIOLATIONS;

HARRIS (DUPREE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - PROOF OF OTHER CRIMES - IN CASE WHERE DEFENDANT WAS CHARGED WITH BRIBING AND TAMPERING WITH THREE WITNESSES TO A HOMICIDE, WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN ADMITTING EVIDENCE THAT A DIFFERENT WITNESS TO THE HOMICIDE WAS MURDERED SHORTLY BEFORE THE HOMICIDE TRIAL AND THAT DEFENDANT HAD SOUGHT TO CONTACT HIM;

HARRISON (ANDRE), 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;

HATTON (FRANKIE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - FORFEITURE OF RIGHT TO RAISE ISSUES ON APPEAL - JURISDICTIONAL SUFFICIENCY OF ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAIVED HIS RIGHT TO PROSECUTION BY INFORMATION BY A BLANKET WAIVER OF THE READING OF THAT RIGHT MADE BY HIS ATTORNEY IN THE CONTEXT OF AN UNRELATED CASE OUTSIDE OF DEFENDANT'S PRESENCE OR BY SUBSEQUENTLY PLEADING GUILTY; CRIMES - INFORMATION - INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION CHARGING FORCIBLE TOUCHING - WHETHER THE ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT CONTAINED SUFFICIENT FACTUAL - ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO THE "PURPOSE" ELEMENT OF FORCIBLE TOUCHING;

HAWKINS, MATTER OF v BERLIN &c., et al.:

SOCIAL SERVICES - PUBLIC ASSISTANCE - WHETHER PETITIONER IS ENTITLED TO DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD SUPPORT ARREARS COLLECTED BY RESPONDENTS TO REIMBURSE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY PETITIONER'S HOUSEHOLD DURING A PERIOD WHEN THE CHILD SUPPORT BENEFICIARY WAS NOT PART OF THE HOUSEHOLD; SOCIAL SERVICES LAW § 158(5); WHETHER RESPONDENTS' DETERMINATIONS WERE ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS;

HENDERSON (WAYNE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - SINGLE ERROR STANDARD - WHETHER TRIAL COUNSEL'S CLAIMED DEFICIENT PREPARATION OF AN EXPERT WITNESS DEPRIVED DEFENDANT OF MEANINGFUL REPRESENTATION;

HENDERSON (WILLIAM), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - MURDER - FELONY MURDER - SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE WHERE PREDICATE FELONY OF BURGLARY IS BASED UPON INTENT TO COMMIT ASSAULT OR MURDER AT TIME OF ENTRY; INSTRUCTIONS - DENIAL OF REQUEST TO CHARGE LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE OF MANSLAUGHTER IN SECOND DEGREE - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT THE ONLY REASONABLE VIEW OF THE EVIDENCE WAS THAT DEFENDANT'S STABBING OF VICTIM WAS INTENTIONAL AND NOT RECKLESS;

HENRY, MATTER OF v FISCHER:

PRISONS AND PRISONERS - DISCIPLINE OF INMATES - WHETHER PETITIONER'S CHALLENGES TO ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HIS RIGHTS TO PRESENT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE AND CALL WITNESSES AT HIS DISCIPLINARY HEARING WERE PRESERVED FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW; WAIVER OF PETITIONER'S RIGHTS TO PRESENT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE AND CALL WITNESSES;

HOGAN (MARCUS D.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - PRESUMPTION OF KNOWING POSSESSION - WHETHER THE EVIDENCE SUPPORTED THE TRIAL COURT'S APPLICATION OF THE "DRUG FACTORY PRESUMPTION" SET FORTH IN PENAL LAW § 220.25(2); RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER DEFENDANT RECEIVED EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL WHERE HIS ATTORNEY FAILED TO DISCUSS HIS RIGHT TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE GRAND JURY AND FAILED TO MAKE A TIMELY MOTION TO DISMISS THE INDICTMENT BASED ON THE PEOPLE'S ALLEGED VIOLATION OF CPL 190.50(5)(a);

HOLLEY (TODD), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT - PHOTOGRAPHIC ARRAY - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE BY WHICH A WITNESS IDENTIFIED DEFENDANT FROM A SERIES OF PHOTO ARRAYS GENERATED BY THE POLICE PHOTO MANAGER COMPUTER SYSTEM WAS NOT UNDULY SUGGESTIVE AND THAT A DIFFERENT CONCLUSION WAS NOT WARRANTED BECAUSE THE POLICE FAILED TO PRESERVE THE PHOTO ARRAYS VIEWED BY THE WITNESS; LINEUP - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY DETERMINED THAT THE RECORD SUPPORTED THE HEARING COURT'S FINDING THAT THE LINEUP WAS NOT UNDULY SUGGESTIVE;

HUTCHINSON v SHERIDAN HILL HOUSE CORP.:

NEGLIGENCE - SIDEWALKS - TRIP AND FALL ON METAL SCREW OR OTHER OBJECT PROTRUDING FROM THE SIDEWALK - SUMMARY JUDGMENT GRANTED TO DEFENDANT BASED UPON TRIVIAL NATURE OF DEFECT, LACK OF NOTICE, AND SPECULATIVE AND CONCLUSORY NATURE OF PLAINTIFF'S EXPERT REPORT;

INOA (JOSE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - WITNESSES - EXPERT WITNESS - WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN PERMITTING A POLICE DETECTIVE TO TESTIFY AS AN EXPERT WITH REGARD TO CODED OR UNEXPLAINED LANGUAGE IN RECORDED TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN DEFENDANT AND HIS CODEFENDANT;

ISRAEL (DANIEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - EVIDENCE - OTHER UNCHARGED CRIMES - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN PERMITTING THE PEOPLE TO INTRODUCE REBUTTAL EVIDENCE OF TWO UNCHARGED CRIMES WHERE THE WITNESSES LACKED DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF PROVOCATION (PEOPLE v SANTARELLI, 49 NY2d 241); WHETHER IN THE CONTEXT OF AN EXTREME EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE DEFENSE, INCIDENTS OF UNCHARGED VIOLENCE MAY BE ADMISSIBLE EVEN IF THE DEGREE OF VIOLENCE IS NOT COMMENSURATE WITH THE CONDUCT UNDERLYING THE CHARGES;

IZZO (VINCENT), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT - LEVEL II SEX OFFENDER - CHALLENGE TO ASSESSMENT OF 30 POINTS UNDER RISK FACTOR 3 (NUMBER OF VICTIMS) DUE TO THREE OR MORE VICTIMS - CHALLENGE TO ASSESSMENT OF 20 POINTS UNDER RISK FACTOR 7 (RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OFFENDER AND VICTIM) FOR ENGAGING IN "GROOMING" BEHAVIOR WITH HIS VICTIMS FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF VICTIMIZATION - DEFENDANT'S ENTITLEMENT TO A DOWNWARD DEPARTURE FROM THE PRESUMPTIVE RISK LEVEL CLASSIFICATION - EFFECT OF COUNTY COURT'S FAILURE TO EXPRESSLY REFERENCE IN ITS OPINION DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR A DOWNWARD DEPARTURE;

MATTER OF TRENASIA J. (AND THREE OTHER PROCEEDINGS):

PARENT, CHILD AND FAMILY - ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD - SEXUAL ABUSE - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT APPELLANT WAS A PERSON LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS NIECE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT - SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE OF ABUSE AND DERIVATIVE NEGLECT - BURDEN OF PROOF - ADMISSIBILITY OF CHILDREN'S STATEMENTS UNDER FAMILY COURT ACT § 1046(a)(vi);

JABLONSKI, MATTER OF; COMMISSIONER OF LABOR:

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - BENEFITS - REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING VALID ORIGINAL CLAIM (LABOR LAW § 527[1] AND [2]) - BASE PERIOD OF CALENDAR QUARTERS PRECEDING FILING OF THE CLAIM; ALLEGED DUE PROCESS VIOLATIONS IN HEARING PROCESS;

JARVIS (KHARYE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - DEFENSE COUNSEL'S FAILURE TO OBJECT TO TESTIMONY THAT HE SUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT TO PRECLUDE - DEFENSE COUNSEL'S PRESENTATION OF ALIBI EVIDENCE WITH ERRONEOUS DATE/TIMING;

JF CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC v THE LIGHTSTONE GROUP, LLC, et al.:

CONTRACTS - QUANTUM MERUIT - STATUTE OF FRAUDS - GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW § 5-701(a)(10) - "NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE ... OF ANY REAL ESTATE ... OR ... BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES" - ACTION SEEKING COMPENSATION FROM DEFENDANTS FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES PLAINTIFF PROVIDED UNDER AN ALLEGED ORAL CONTRACT IN CONNECTION WITH DEFENDANTS' ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN HOTELS AND OTHER INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES - WHETHER PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS FOR QUANTUM MERUIT AND UNJUST ENRICHMENT WERE PROPERLY DISMISSED AS BARRED BY THE STATUTE OF FRAUDS;

JOHN (SEAN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - PLAIN VIEW DOCTRINE - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT THE POLICE VALIDLY SEIZED A BOX MARKED "SMITH AND WESSON" UNDER THE PLAIN VIEW DOCTRINE AND LAWFULLY OPENED THE BOX, WHICH CONTAINED A HANDGUN AND AMMUNITION, BECAUSE SUCH CONTENTS COULD BE INFERRED FROM THE "SMITH AND WESSON" MARKING ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BOX -

WARRRANTLESS ENTRY INTO BASEMENT OF BROWNSTONE - PROBABLE CAUSE TO OBTAIN DNA SAMPLE FROM DEFENDANT; EVIDENCE - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN ALLOWING EVIDENCE OF DEFENDANT'S ALLEGED ASSAULT ON HIS GIRLFRIEND; ALLEGED PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT IN SUMMATION; ALLEGED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF TRIAL COUNSEL;

JOHNSON (KEITH), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - HARMLESS AND PREJUDICIAL ERROR - ADMISSION IN EVIDENCE AT JOINT TRIAL OF CODEFENDANT'S STATEMENTS IMPLICATING DEFENDANT - FACIALLY INCRIMINATING STATEMENT - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT THE CONFESSION OF THE NONTESTIFYING CODEFENDANT INTRODUCED AT THEIR JOINT TRIAL WAS FACIALLY INCRIMINATING SUCH THAT DEFENDANT WAS DEPRIVED OF HIS SIXTH AMENDMENT RIGHT OF CONFRONTATION UNDER BRUTON v UNITED STATES (391 US 123 [1968]); WHETHER THE ALLEGED ERROR WAS HARMLESS;

JOHNSON (MARCELLUS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - EVIDENCE - TAPE RECORDINGS - TELEPHONE CALLS MADE BY DEFENDANT FROM CORRECTION FACILITY - WHETHER SUPREME COURT ERRED IN ADMITTING INTO EVIDENCE PORTIONS OF TELEPHONE CALLS MADE BY DEFENDANT FROM RIKERS ISLAND THAT WERE ROUTINELY RECORDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION;

JONES (ANTHONY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - MANDATORY SURCHARGE - WHETHER THE SENTENCING JUDGE HAS DISCRETION TO GRANT DEFENDANT RELIEF FROM THE MANDATORY SURCHARGE AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING, OR WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS REQUIRED TO SEEK SUCH RELIEF BY MOTION FOR RESENTENCING PURSUANT TO CPL 420.10(5);

JORGENSEN (JENNIFER), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - EVIDENCE - SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE - DEFENDANT, WHILE PREGNANT, CRASHED INTO ANOTHER CAR - DEFENDANT'S CHILD, BORN IN EMERGENCY C-SECTION, DIED DAYS AFTER THE ACCIDENT - WHETHER EVIDENCE WAS LEGALLY SUFFICIENT TO CONVICT DEFENDANT OF MANSLAUGHTER IN THE SECOND DEGREE CONCERNING THE CHILD; ADMISSION OF EVIDENCE - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN PERMITTING ADMISSION OF EVIDENCE OF DRUGS TAKEN BY DEFENDANT DURING HER PREGNANCY; CLAIMED INFLAMMATORY COMMENTS BY PROSECUTOR DURING SUMMATION; CLAIMED DUE PROCESS VIOLATIONS;

JOSEPH (JOEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ARREST - PROBABLE CAUSE - DRUG TRANSACTION - CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF ONGOING DRUG ACTIVITY - WHETHER THE POLICE HAD PROBABLE CAUSE TO ARREST DEFENDANT WHEN SOME OF THE INFORMATION UPON WHICH THE POLICE RELIED CAME FROM A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT SEVERAL MONTHS EARLIER;

JURGINS (MARK), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - SECOND FELONY OFFENDER - EQUIVALENCY OF FOREIGN FELONY CONVICTION - WHETHER A DEFENDANT CAN RAISE A CHALLENGE TO THE EQUIVALENCY OF A FOREIGN FELONY CONVICTION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A CPL 440.20 MOTION - EQUIVALENCY OF PRIOR WASHINGTON, D.C. CONVICTION FOR ROBBERY UNDER A STATUTE THAT DEFINES ROBBERY TO INCLUDE "STEALTHY SEIZURE OR SNATCHING";

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 REGISTRATION AS A SEX OFFENDER IS REQUIRED IN NEW YORK;

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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;

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KING (URSELINA), PEOPLE v:

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LAMONT (JAFARI), PEOPLE v:

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CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT (SORA) - DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO DISCOVERY UNDER SORA - ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS UPON WHICH THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SEX OFFENDERS BASED ITS REPORT RECOMMENDING THAT DEFENDANT REMAIN A RISK LEVEL THREE SEX OFFENDER; COUNTY COURT'S DENIAL OF ADJOURNMENT OF PROCEEDING SO THAT REQUESTED DOCUMENTS COULD BE OBTAINED; ALLEGED DUE PROCESS VIOLATION;

LEACH (RAYMOND), PEOPLE v:

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 MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - ILLEGAL RESIDENTIAL CONVERSIONS
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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;

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CRIMES - SENTENCE - DENIAL OF MOTION FOR RESENTENCING UNDER DRUG LAW REFORM ACT OF 2004; ILLEGAL SENTENCE - AUTHORITY OF APPELLATE DIVISION TO REMIT TO SUPREME COURT FOR RESENTENCING ON RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT IN THE FIRST DEGREE; RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - FAILURE TO OBJECT TO JURY INSTRUCTIONS;

LOWE (FABRICE), PEOPLE v:

INFANTS - YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS - WHERE A YOUTH WHO IS INELIGIBLE FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDER STATUS BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE CRIME REQUESTS SUCH STATUS, WHETHER SENTENCING COURT IS REQUIRED TO MAKE PARTICULARIZED FINDING OF NO MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER PENAL LAW § 720.10(3) BEFORE REJECTING THE REQUEST - PEOPLE v RUDOLPH (21 NY3d 497 [2013]);

LYNCH (RICKY A.), PEOPLE v:

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MACK (TERRANCE L.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - JURORS - WHETHER COUNTY COURT COMMITTED REVERSIBLE ERROR BY ACCEPTING THE JURY VERDICT WITHOUT FIRST RESPONDING TO THREE NOTES FROM THE JURY;

MAGGIPINTO, AN ATTORNEY, MATTER OF:

ATTORNEY AND CLIENT - DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS - CLAIMED DUE PROCESS AND EQUAL PROTECTION VIOLATIONS;

MALAY v CITY OF SYRACUSE, et al.:

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS - COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER TERMINATION OF PRIOR ACTION (CPLR 205[a]) - WHETHER PRIOR FEDERAL ACTION WAS TERMINATED WITHIN THE MEANING OF CPLR 205(a) WHEN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT DISMISSED PLAINTIFF'S FEDERAL AND STATE CLAIMS, WHERE PLAINTIFF TOOK AN APPEAL TO THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT COURT AND FILED THE SECOND ACTION IN STATE COURT WHILE THE APPEAL WAS PENDING, ALTHOUGH THE APPEAL WAS LATER DISMISSED FOR FAILURE TO PROSECUTE;

MANOR (TYRONE D.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - WITHDRAWAL OF PLEA - PURPORTED INTOXICATION OF DEFENDANT - DEFENDANT ALLEGEDLY COERCED INTO MAKING PLEA BY HIS FAMILY; SUFFICIENCY OF ALLOCUTION - INTENT AND JUSTIFICATION IN HOMICIDE PROSECUTION; WHETHER COUNTY COURT ABUSED ITS DISCRETION IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW HIS GUILTY PLEA WITHOUT A HEARING; WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS DEPRIVED OF THE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL AT THE PLEA PROCEEDING;

MARSHALL (KAITY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT - TRIAL COURT HELD LIMITED HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SINGLE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE THAT THE PEOPLE CONDUCTED WITH THE COMPLAINING WITNESS OVER A YEAR AFTER THE INCIDENT WAS PERMISSIBLE AS "TRIAL PREPARATION" - PRE-WADE HEARING PURSUANT TO PEOPLE v HERNER (85 NY2d 877 [1995]); DUE PROCESS;

MARTINEZ (ANTONIO), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - IMPOSITION AFTER TRIAL OF MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT WHERE PEOPLE PREVIOUSLY OFFERED A PLEA WITH A PROBATIONARY SENTENCE - CHALLENGE TO SENTENCE FOR UNCONSTITUTIONALLY PENALIZING DEFENDANT FOR EXERCISING HIS RIGHT TO TRIAL;

McGOVERN, MATTER OF v MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:

SCHOOLS - TEACHERS - NOTICE OF CLAIM (EDUCATION LAW § 3813[1]) - CPLR ARTICLE 78 PROCEEDING TO REVIEW BOARD OF EDUCATION DETERMINATION DENYING PETITIONER TENURE AND TERMINATING HER EMPLOYMENT AS A PROBATIONARY TEACHER - WHETHER PETITIONER WAS EXEMPT FROM THE EDUCATION LAW NOTICE OF CLAIM REQUIREMENT;

MELENDEZ (EDWIN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - JURORS - RESPONSE TO JURY INQUIRIES - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT, ALTHOUGH THE RECORD WAS SILENT REGARDING THE TRIAL COURT'S RESPONSES TO THREE JURY

NOTES, REVERSAL WAS NOT REQUIRED BECAUSE THE JURY NOTES REQUESTED MATERIALS NOT IN EVIDENCE AND THUS WERE NOT SUBSTANTIVE INQUIRIES REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH CPL 310.30 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE SET FORTH IN PEOPLE v O'RAMA (78 NY2d 270 [1991]), AND ONLY NECESSITATED THE MINISTERIAL ACTION OF INFORMING THE JURY THAT NONE OF THE REQUESTED ITEMS WERE IN EVIDENCE - NOTES REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS OF RECORDED TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS AND WHETHER THERE WERE ANY 911 CALLS RELATED TO THE INCIDENT; JUSTIFICATION - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT IMPROPERLY LIMITED DEFENDANT'S EVIDENCE OF COMPLAINANT'S PRIOR VIOLENT ACTS;

MIDDLEBROOKS (WILLIAM), PEOPLE v:

INFANTS - YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS - WHETHER SENTENCING COURT IS REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF "ARMED FELONIES" IS ELIGIBLE FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDER STATUS PURSUANT TO PENAL LAW § 720.10(3) - PEOPLE v RUDOLPH (21 NY3d 497[2013]);

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INSURANCE - SUBROGATION RIGHTS OF INSURER - ANTISUBROGATION RULE - WHETHER THE COURTS BELOW CORRECTLY HELD THAT THE ANTISUBROGATION RULE BARS THE INSURERS FROM RECOVERING CERTAIN PAYMENTS MADE TO THEIR INSURED, MILLENNIUM HOLDINGS LLC, FOR THE DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION OF NONPARTY CLAIMS THAT RESULTED FROM LEAD-BASED PAINT EXPOSURE LITIGATION;

MITCHELL, MATTER OF v FISCHER:

PRISONS AND PRISONERS - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION JUDGMENT DISMISSING, WITHOUT COSTS, CPLR ARTICLE 78 PETITION AS MOOT, APPELLATE DIVISION ORDER DENYING PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, AND APPELLATE DIVISION ORDER DENYING PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - WHETHER PETITIONER WAS ENTITLED TO COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS WHERE RESPONDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REVERSAL OF THE CHALLENGED DETERMINATION RENDERED THE PROCEEDING MOOT;

MIRANDA (NELSON), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - SEARCH OF BACKPACK INCIDENT TO LAWFUL ARREST - WHETHER THE WARRANTLESS SEARCH INCIDENT TO ARREST WAS REASONABLE; WHETHER THE ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT WAS JURISDICTIONALLY DEFECTIVE;

MONARCH CONSULTING, INC., et al., MATTER OF v NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PITTSBURGH PA. (AND TWO OTHER PROCEEDINGS):

ARBITRATION - AGREEMENT TO ARBITRATE - WHETHER INSURED ARE COMPELLED TO ARBITRATE THEIR DISPUTES WITH THEIR WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE CARRIER EVEN THOUGH THE CARRIER FAILED TO FILE THE ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AS CALIFORNIA LAW REQUIRES;

MORRIS (SHANE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - JURORS - NOTICE TO COUNSEL OF SUBSTANTIVE JUROR INQUIRY LETTER - MODE OF PROCEEDINGS ERROR - WITHOUT DEFENSE COUNSEL'S OBJECTION TO THE COURT'S PROCEDURES OR RESPONSES, TRIAL JUDGE READ NOTES FROM JURY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PRESENCE OF COUNSEL AND DEFENDANT, AND RESPONDED TO JURY WITHOUT INPUT FROM COUNSEL;

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, et al., MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION:

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION - STATE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT - STATEWIDE GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY DETERMINED THAT THE GENERAL PERMIT AT ISSUE DOES NOT VIOLATE 33 USC § 1342(a)(1), 33 USC § 1342 (p)(3)(B)(iii), ECL 17-0805(1)(a)(ix), ECL 17-0808(3)(c), ECL 17-0811(5), ECL 17-0813, OR 6 NYCRR 750-1.14;

NEALON (KENNETH), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - APPEAL - PRESERVATION OF ISSUE FOR REVIEW - MEANINGFUL NOTICE OF JURY NOTES - FAILURE TO OBJECT - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT COMMITTED A MODE OF PROCEEDINGS ERROR WHEN, ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL TRIAL RECORD, IT READ THE CONTENTS OF THREE JURY NOTES REQUESTING CHARGE CLARIFICATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FRONT OF THE JURY AND IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED; IF SO, WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION PROPERLY REFUSED TO CONSIDER THE RESETTLED TRIAL RECORD;

NEGRON (JULIO), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS DENIED HIS RIGHT TO EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN HIS TRIAL COUNSEL FAILED TO OBJECT TO THE TRIAL COURT'S IMPROPER USE OF THE "CLEAR LINK" STANDARD FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THIRD-PARTY CULPABILITY EVIDENCE, AMONG OTHER FAILURES; CRIMES - DISCLOSURE - FAILURE TO DISCLOSE EXCULPATORY MATERIAL - WHETHER THE PEOPLE COMMITTED PREJUDICIAL BRADY VIOLATIONS BY FAILING TO DISCLOSE THAT DEFENDANT'S NEIGHBOR FLED WITH A CACHE OF WEAPONS THE NIGHT OF THE SHOOTING, WHICH INCLUDED THE SAME CALIBER OF AMMUNITION USED IN THE SHOOTING;

NEW YORK CITY ASBESTOS LITIGATION, MATTER OF (DUMMIT, &c. v A.W. CHESTERTON, et al.):

NEGLIGENCE - PROXIMATE CAUSE - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS ENTITLED TO JUDGMENT AS A MATTER OF LAW DUE TO PLAINTIFF'S FAILURE TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE THAT DEFENDANT MANUFACTURED OR PLACED INTO THE STREAM OF COMMERCE ANY OF THE ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS TO WHICH THE DECEDENT WAS EXPOSED - LIABILITY FOR FAILURE TO WARN OF ASBESTOS DANGER FOR PRODUCTS DEFENDANT DID NOT MANUFACTURE, SELL OR DISTRIBUTE; JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY AND ALLOCATION OF FAULT; JURY INSTRUCTIONS;

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AVENUE ASSOCIATES, et al.):

ACTIONS - CONSOLIDATION AND SEVERANCE - ASBESTOS LITIGATION - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT PROPERLY CONSOLIDATED THIS CASE WITH DUMMITT v A.W. CHESTERTON - SIMILARITIES OF CONSOLIDATED CASES - THEORIES OF LIABILITY - DISJOINTED NATURE OF TRIAL; LABOR - SAFE PLACE TO WORK - EXPOSURE TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES - ASBESTOS DUST - APPORTIONMENT OF LIABILITY BETWEEN GENERAL CONTRACTOR AND MANUFACTURER - WHETHER JURY COULD ALLOCATE MORE FAULT TO GENERAL CONTRACTOR; RECKLESSNESS - WHETHER IT WAS RATIONAL FOR THE JURY TO CONCLUDE THAT GENERAL CONTRACTOR ACTED RECKLESSLY; DAMAGES - CHALLENGE TO DAMAGES AWARD AS UNPRECEDENTED;

NICHOLSON (CHRISTOPHER A.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - WITNESSES - REBUTTAL WITNESS IN CHILD SEX PROSECUTION - WHETHER SUPREME COURT ERRED IN ALLOWING THE PEOPLE TO CALL DEFENDANT'S EX-WIFE AS A REBUTTAL WITNESS TO REBUT CERTAIN TESTIMONY OFFERED BY DEFENDANT'S ONLY WITNESS, HIS FORMER GIRLFRIEND; WITNESSES - EXPERT WITNESS - WHETHER SUPREME COURT ERRED IN ADMITTING THE TESTIMONY OF AN EXPERT WITH RESPECT TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ACCOMMODATION SYNDROME; RIGHT TO COUNSEL - CLAIMED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE;

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;

NOMURA ASSET CAPITAL CORPORATION, et al. v CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT, LLP:

ATTORNEY AND CLIENT - MALPRACTICE - ACTION AGAINST LAW FIRM ALLEGING FAILURE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE LEGAL ADVICE AND THE RENDERING OF LEGAL OPINION WITHOUT PERFORMING THE NECESSARY DUE DILIGENCE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECURITIZATION OF A POOL OF COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE LOANS; SUMMARY JUDGMENT;

NYC C.L.A.S.H, INC., MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION and HISTORIC PRESERVATION, et al.:

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW - VALIDITY OF REGULATION - SEPARATION OF POWERS - REGULATION EXCEEDING DELEGATED AUTHORITY - WHETHER RESPONDENT NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION EXCEEDED ITS DELEGATED AUTHORITY, AND THUS VIOLATED THE SEPARATION OF POWERS DOCTRINE, BY PROMULGATING A RULE ESTABLISHING SMOKE-FREE AREAS IN CERTAIN OUTDOOR LOCATIONS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION;

OLMOSPerez, MATTER OF v EVANS &c.:

PAROLE - DENIAL - CPLR ARTICLE 78 PROCEEDING TO REVIEW DETERMINATION OF BOARD OF PAROLE DENYING PETITIONER PAROLE RELEASE - FAILURE OF PAROLE BOARD TO ISSUE AND PROMULGATE WRITTEN GUIDELINES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE LAW § 259-c(4) TO ASSESS RISKS AND NEEDS FOR PAROLE DECISIONS BEFORE DETERMINATION MADE IN THIS CASE;

ORTIZ (LUIS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - COLLATERAL ESTOPPEL - WHETHER THE PEOPLE WERE BARRED FROM PRESENTING ON DEFENDANT'S RETRIAL EVIDENCE THAT DEFENDANT HELD A RAZOR BLADE TO THE VICTIM'S NECK - DEFENDANT WAS ACQUITTED OF BURGLARY IN THE FIRST DEGREE AT THE FIRST TRIAL BUT CONVICTED OF ROBBERY IN THE SECOND DEGREE, AND THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO OFFENSES WAS WHETHER DEFENDANT USED OR THREATENED USE OF A DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT - WHETHER CASE IS DISTINGUISHABLE FROM PEOPLE v O'TOOLE (22 NY3d 335 [2013]);

P.(MATTHEW), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - INFORMATION - CHALLENGE TO SUFFICIENCY - LARCENY - SUFFICIENCY OF ALLEGATIONS THAT DEFENDANT IMPROPERLY USED A KEY THAT DID NOT BELONG TO HIM TO LET TWO UNDERCOVER POLICE OFFICERS (AND HIMSELF) INTO THE SUBWAY THROUGH AN EMERGENCY EXIT GATE IN EXCHANGE FOR MONEY - PEOPLE v HIGHTOWER (18 NY3d 249 [2011]); THEFT OF SERVICES - SUFFICIENCY OF ALLEGATIONS BASED ON THE SWORN STATEMENT OF A TRANSIT POLICE OFFICER THAT HE OBSERVED DEFENDANT ENTER THE SUBWAY "BEYOND THE TURNSTILES" AND WITHOUT "PAYING THE REQUIRED FARE" BY "WALKING THROUGH AN EXIT GATE";

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;

PACQUETTE (DEAN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT THE IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT BY A "GHOST OFFICER" IN A "BUY AND BUST" CASE WAS CONFIRMATORY AND, THUS, DID NOT REQUIRE CPL 710.30(1)(b) NOTICE;\

PAF-PAR LLC v SILBERBERG, et al.:

SURETYSHIP AND GUARANTEE - GUARANTEE OF PROMISSORY NOTE - BORROWER'S FULL PAYMENT OF MODIFIED LOAN AMOUNT - GUARANTOR NOT LIABLE FOR MORE - WHETHER THE GUARANTOR IS LIABLE FOR THE FULL ORIGINAL LOAN AMOUNT WHERE THE BORROWER SATISFIED ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER A MODIFICATION AGREEMENT AND THE GUARANTY STATES THAT THE GUARANTOR'S OBLIGATIONS SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED BY "MODIFICATION, ALTERATION OR REARRANGEMENT";

PARSON, JR. (ANTHONY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - FAILURE TO ADVANCE MORE VIGOROUS CHALLENGE TO POLICE OFFICER'S TESTIMONY AT SUPPRESSION HEARING REGARDING REASON FOR STOPPING DEFENDANT'S VEHICLE - STOP FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW § 375(22) AND (30); UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - CHALLENGE TO LAWFUL BASIS FOR STOP OF DEFENDANT'S VEHICLE AND SEARCH OF HIS PERSON AND HIS CAR - WHETHER STATEMENTS MADE BY DEFENDANT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUPPRESSED;

PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, INC. &c., et al. v CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.:

INJUNCTIONS - PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION - WHETHER PETITIONERS ESTABLISHED A LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS ON THE MERITS OF THE CLAIM TO BE ARBITRATED - WHETHER ARBITRATION AWARD IN PETITIONERS' FAVOR WOULD BE RENDERED INEFFECTUAL WITHOUT PROVISIONAL RELIEF;

PAVONE (ANTHONY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - HARMLESS AND PREJUDICIAL ERROR - VIOLATION OF DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PEOPLE'S ELICITING OF TESTIMONY IN ITS CASE-IN-CHIEF THAT DEFENDANT FAILED TO MENTION EXTREME EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE WHEN HE WAS APPREHENDED - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION, AFTER CONCLUDING THAT THE ISSUE WAS LARGELY UNPRESERVED, ERRED IN HOLDING THAT, IN ANY EVENT, THE ADMISSION OF THE CHALLENGED EVIDENCE WAS HARMLESS "IN LIGHT OF THE OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE ESTABLISHING BOTH DEFENDANT'S GUILT BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT AND HIS CORRESPONDING FAILURE TO PROVE HIS AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE OF EXTREME EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE"; RIGHT TO COUNSEL - ALLEGED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF TRIAL COUNSEL IN FAILING, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, TO OBJECT TO TESTIMONY AND ARGUMENT CONCERNING DEFENDANT'S PRETRIAL SILENCE REGARDING EXTREME EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE, IN FAILING TO REQUEST A LIMITING INSTRUCTION ON THAT ISSUE, AND IN FAILING TO PROVIDE THE DEFENSE EXPERT WITH MATERIALS NEEDED TO ADEQUATELY PREPARE AN EXTREME EMOTIONAL DISTRESS DEFENSE;

PEGASUS AVIATION I, INC., et al. v VARIG LOGISTICA S.A., et al.:

EVIDENCE - LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF EVIDENCE - RELEVANCE OF SPOILIATED DOCUMENTS - WHETHER MP DEFENDANTS EXERCISED SUFFICIENT CONTROL OVER DEFENDANT VARIG LOGISTICA'S TO RENDER THE MP DEFENDANTS LIABLE FOR SANCTIONS FOR EVIDENCE SPOILIATION BASED ON VARIG LOGISTIC'S LOSS OF ITS ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION;

PELLEGRINO (STEPHEN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - SUFFICIENCY OF ALLOCUTION - WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S COLLOQUY AT CRIMINAL COURT WAS SUFFICIENT UNDER BOYKIN v ALABAMA (395 US 238 [1969]) AND PEOPLE v TYRELL (22 NY3d 359 [2013]) WHERE IT CONTAINED NO

DISCUSSION OF THE RIGHTS DEFENDANT WAS WAIVING BY ENTERING THE PLEA, PURSUANT TO WHICH HE PLEADED GUILTY TO A MISDEMEANOR IN RETURN FOR A NEGOTIATED SENTENCE OF A \$250 FINE;

PEREZ (FREDERICO), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - SUFFICIENCY OF ALLOCUTION - WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS - WHETHER A GUILTY PLEA TO A VIOLATION, WHICH REQUIRED ONLY THE PAYMENT OF A \$100 FINE, MUST BE VACATED UNDER PEOPLE v TYRELL (22 NY3d 359 [2003]) BECAUSE DEFENDANT WAS NOT ADVISED OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER BOYKIN v ALABAMA (395 US 238[1969]);

PERLBINDER HOLDINGS, LLC v SRINIVASAN, et al.:

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - ZONING - VARIANCE - OUTDOOR ADVERTISING - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONSTRUING PETITIONER'S APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF STANDARDS AND APPEALS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK (BSA) AS A VARIANCE APPLICATION AND DIRECTING BSA, ON REMAND, TO CONSIDER THE VARIANCE REQUEST UNDER NEW YORK CITY CHARTER §666(7) - WHETHER PETITIONER WAS ENTITLED TO MAINTAIN ITS ADVERTISING SIGN, WITHOUT A VARIANCE, BASED ON ITS GOOD-FAITH RELIANCE ON A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS (DOB) AND A 2008 DETERMINATION BY THE MANHATTAN BOROUGH BUILDING COMMISSIONER APPROVING THE ERECTION OF THE SIGN - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN FINDING AS A MATTER OF LAW THAT PETITIONER'S RELIANCE ON A PERMIT WAS IN GOOD FAITH;

PICKERING-GEORGE v WAMBUA:

PUBLIC HOUSING - RENT SUBSIDY - TERMINATION - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION JUDGMENT CONFIRMING DETERMINATION TERMINATING PETITIONER'S SECTION 8 RENT SUBSIDY;

POLEUN (JAMES R.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT (SORA) (CORRECTION LAW ART. 6-C) - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS DENIED DUE PROCESS OF LAW WHEN THE HEARING COURT ACCEPTED HIS WAIVER OF APPEARANCE AND HELD A HEARING TO ASSESS HIS RISK LEVEL IN HIS ABSENCE, ALTHOUGH HE EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO BE PRESENT AT THE HEARING AND PROFFERED AN EXCUSE FOR HIS INABILITY TO ATTEND;

POWERS, MATTER OF v ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW:

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES - ADMISSION - WHETHER LAW SCHOOL ACTED ARBITRARILY AND CAPRICIOUSLY BY RESCINDING PETITIONER'S ADMISSION AFTER HE COMPLETED MORE THAN 1 1/2 YEARS OF COURSE WORK, WHERE IT DETERMINED THAT PETITIONER'S LAW SCHOOL APPLICATION CONTAINED MISREPRESENTATIONS AND MATERIAL OMISSIONS REGARDING HIS PRIOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND - WHETHER THE PENALTY OF RESCISSION WAS SO DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE OFFENSE AS TO CONSTITUTE AN ABUSE OF DISCRETION AS A MATTER OF LAW - PETITIONER'S ENTITLEMENT TO INVOKE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE IN LAW SCHOOL'S STUDENT HANDBOOK;
PS 157 LOFTS LLC, et al. v AUSTIN, et al.:

PUBLIC HOUSING - SUCCESSION RIGHTS - TWO-YEAR RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT - CLAIMED IMPAIRMENT OF CONTRACT OBLIGATION; CLAIMED DEPRIVATION OF RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL; CLAIMED DUE PROCESS VIOLATION;

SEAN R., &c. v BMW OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC, et al.:

EVIDENCE - SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE - FAILURE OF SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE TO SUPPORT EXPERT'S PROFFERED THEORY - WHETHER THE TESTIMONY OF PLAINTIFF'S EXPERTS, WHO THEORIZED THAT EXPOSURE TO GASOLINE FUMES CAUSED PLAINTIFF'S BIRTH DEFECTS, WAS PROPERLY PRECLUDED WHERE THE MEDICAL LITERATURE SHOWED THAT SOME CONSTITUENT CHEMICALS CONTAINED IN GASOLINE CAN LEAD TO BIRTH DEFECTS, NOT THAT EXPOSURE TO GASOLINE VAPORS CAN CAUSE SUCH DEFECTS;

YANIVETH R., &c. et al. v LTD REALTY CO., et al:

LANDLORD AND TENANT - LANDLORD'S DUTY TO REMOVE LEAD PAINT - WHETHER INFANT EXPOSED TO LEAD PAINT RESIDED IN APARTMENT - INFANT CARED FOR IN HER GRANDMOTHER'S APARTMENT 10-12 HOURS PER DAY; NEGLIGENCE - VIOLATION OF STATUTORY DUTY - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF CITY OF NEW YORK §§ 27-2056.3, 27-2056.5; SUMMARY JUDGMENT;

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

LANDLORD AND TENANT - RENT REGULATION - LUXURY DEREGULATION OF RENT-CONTROLLED APARTMENT UNAVAILABLE FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN TAX BENEFITS - WHETHER AN APARTMENT THAT WAS SUBJECT TO RENT CONTROL PRIOR TO RECEIVING J-51 TAX BENEFITS REMAINS EXEMPT FROM LUXURY DEREGULATION BY VIRTUE OF ITS RENT-CONTROLLED STATUS AFTER THE J-51 BENEFITS EXPIRE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT IT WAS OTHERWISE QUALIFIED FOR LUXURY DEREGULATION; WHETHER DHCR'S INTERPRETATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK § 26-403(e)(2)(j), AS APPLIED TO THIS CASE, VIOLATES THE OWNER'S EQUAL PROTECTION RIGHTS;

REMET CORPORATION v ESTATE OF JAMES R. PYNE (DECEASED), et al.:

INDEMNITY - CONTRACTUAL INDEMNIFICATION - ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION COSTS - NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC) LETTER IDENTIFYING PLAINTIFF AS A POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTY, REQUESTING PLAINTIFF TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT AND FINANCE A REMEDIAL PROGRAM FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE, AND STATING THAT, IF PLAINTIFF DID NOT ACT, DEC WOULD PERFORM THE REMEDIATION AND SEEK RECOVERY FROM PLAINTIFF - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT DEC'S LETTER DID NOT REQUIRE PLAINTIFF TO TAKE ACTION, AND THUS, THAT PLAINTIFF WAS NOT ENTITLED TO INDEMNIFICATION PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT RESULTING FROM ACTIONS THAT PLAINTIFF "IS REQUIRED TO TAKE UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT";

RED ZONE LLC v CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT, LLP:

ATTORNEY AND CLIENT - MALPRACTICE - ALLEGED NEGLIGENT DRAFTING OF AGREEMENT - WHETHER PLAINTIFF WAS ENTITLED TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT; LIMITATION OF ACTIONS - TOLLING - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS WAS TOLLED BY THE CONTINUOUS REPRESENTATION DOCTRINE; WHETHER THE COURT'S BELOW ERRED IN DISMISSING DEFENDANT'S AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE OF COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE;

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 CHILDREN'S SERVICES;

RIVERA, et al. v FERNANDEZ & ULLOA AUTO GROUP, et al.:

INSURANCE - NO-FAULT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE - SERIOUS INJURY - WHETHER PLAINTIFF RAISED A TRIABLE ISSUE OF FACT AS TO WHETHER HE SUFFERED A SERIOUS INJURY WITHIN THE MEANING OF INSURANCE LAW § 5102(d) - SUMMARY JUDGMENT; EXPERT WITNESSES - MEDICAL OPINIONS;

RIVERA, &c. v MONTEFIORE MEDICAL CENTER:

DISCLOSURE - SCOPE OF DISCLOSURE - MEDICAL EXPERT - ADEQUACY OF RESPONSE TO DEMAND FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING EXPERT WITNESS - CHALLENGE TO APPELLATE DIVISION HOLDING THAT TRIAL COURT PROPERLY DENIED AS UNTIMELY PLAINTIFF'S APPLICATION DURING TRIAL TO PRECLUDE DEFENDANT'S EXPERT FROM TESTIFYING THAT A SUDDEN HEART ATTACK, RATHER THAN PNEUMONIA, CAUSED DECEDENT'S DEATH ON GROUND THAT SUCH TESTIMONY CAME AS A SURPRISE BECAUSE DEFENDANT'S EXPERT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO CPLR 3101(d) LACKED SPECIFICITY AS TO EXPERT'S OPINION ON CAUSATION - WHETHER TRIAL MOTION WAS UNTIMELY BECAUSE PLAINTIFF FAILED TO OBJECT TO LACK OF SPECIFICITY IN DEFENDANT'S EXPERT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UPON RECEIPT OF THAT DOCUMENT - WHETHER EXPERT TESTIMONY CONCERNING HEART ATTACK SHOULD HAVE BEEN PRECLUDED AS UNDULY SPECULATIVE;

RODRIGUEZ (SERGIO), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - CONCURRENT AND CONSECUTIVE TERMS - CHANGE, ON RESENTENCING, FROM CONCURRENT TO CONSECUTIVE SENTENCES - WHETHER THE IMPOSITION OF CONSECUTIVE SENTENCES FOR ASSAULT AND FIRST DEGREE ROBBERY VIOLATED PENAL LAW § 70.25(2) WHERE THE ASSAULT, A SHOOTING, OCCURRED IN THE COURSE OF THE ROBBERY; REMARKS MADE BY RESENTENCING COURT; CLAIMED VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS;

ROGERS, MATTER OF v PRACK, &c.:

PRISONS AND PRISONERS - DISCIPLINE OF INMATES - INMATE FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULTING STAFF, ENGAGING IN VIOLENT CONDUCT AND DISTURBING THE ORDER OF THE FACILITY - WHETHER THE PENALTY OF 60-MONTHS CONFINEMENT IN THE SPECIAL HOUSING UNIT (SHU) SHOCKS THE CONSCIENCE AND IS AN ABUSE OF DISCRETION AS A MATTER OF LAW - WHETHER PETITIONER'S DUE PROCESS RIGHTS WERE VIOLATED BY THE HEARING OFFICER'S DENIAL OF HIS REQUESTS TO CALL AN ADDITIONAL WITNESS AND TO PRESENT CERTAIN DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE;

ROSARIO (LUCIANO), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - APPEAL - DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF ERROR CORAM NOBIS - ALLEGED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF APPELLATE COUNSEL FOR FAILING TO INFORM DEFENDANT ABOUT THE APPELLATE PROCESS AND FAILING TO FILE A NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM DEFENDANT'S GUILTY PLEA;

ROSSBOROUGH (RONALD D.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - VALIDITY OF DEFENDANT'S WAIVER OF HIS RIGHT TO BE PRESENT DURING SENTENCING; APPEAL - WAIVER OF RIGHT TO APPEAL - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO APPEAL INCLUDES DEFENDANT'S CONTENTION THAT COUNTY COURT ERRED IN SENTENCING HIM IN ABSENTIA;

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

SCHOOLS - TEACHERS - INCOMPETENCE - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT PENALTY OF TERMINATION WAS SHOCKING TO SENSE OF FAIRNESS AND REMANDING TO AGENCY FOR IMPOSITION OF A LESSER PENALTY;

RUTLEDGE (MICHAEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - CONFESSION - VALIDITY OF DEFENDANT'S WAIVER OF MIRANDA RIGHTS - WHETHER STATEMENTS MADE TO POLICE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUPPRESSED WHERE, PRIOR TO GIVING THE MIRANDA WARNINGS TO DEFENDANT, A DETECTIVE TOLD DEFENDANT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT HE NEEDED TO TALK TO THE INTERROGATORS, THAT IT WAS IN HIS BEST INTEREST TO TELL THE INTERROGATORS HIS SIDE OF THE STORY, THAT THE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM WAS STRONG, AND THAT THE PROSECUTOR WOULD HELP HIM IF HE COOPERATED;

DELROY S., MATTER OF:

INFANTS - JUVENILE DELINQUENTS - WHETHER, IN LIGHT OF THE APPELLATE DIVISION HOLDING THAT 11-YEAR OLD GAVE INCULPATORY STATEMENT WHILE SUBJECTED TO CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF MIRANDA WARNINGS, THE APPELLATE DIVISION PROPERLY DETERMINED THAT FAMILY COURT'S ERROR IN FAILING TO SUPPRESS THE STATEMENT WAS HARMLESS BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT; JUSTIFICATION DEFENSE;

JAMAL S., MATTER OF:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - WHETHER THE POLICE SEARCH, WHICH INVOLVED REQUIRING THE JUVENILE TO REMOVE HIS SHOES WHILE HE WAS HELD IN TEMPORARY DETENTION PENDING HIS MOTHER'S ARRIVAL AT THE POLICE STATION, WAS REASONABLE;

MATTER OF KENNETH S., &c.:

CRIMES - UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE - WHETHER POLICE MAY LAWFULLY TAKE A JUVENILE INTO CUSTODY FOR VIOLATING A PAROLE CONDITION SET BY A COURT AS A CONDITION FOR RELEASE PENDING TRIAL; WHETHER POLICE MAY TRANSPORT A MINOR DETAINED FOR TRUANCY TO A POLICE STATION RATHER THAN TO SCHOOL; SUPPRESSION HEARING - DENIAL OF MOTION - WHETHER POLICE WERE JUSTIFIED IN CONDUCTING WARRANTLESS SEARCH OF SUSPECTED TRUANT'S BOOK BAG;

SADEK v WESLEY, et al.:

WITNESSES - EXPERT WITNESS - PRECLUSION OF TESTIMONY - TRIAL COURT GRANTED MOTION TO PRECLUDE NEUROLOGICAL EXPERT FROM TESTIFYING UPON THE GROUND THAT EXPERT'S FIRST REPORT, WHICH STATED THERE WAS A PROBABLE CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT AND PLAINTIFF'S EMBOLIC STROKE, WAS NEGATED BY EXPERT'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT BECAUSE THAT REPORT DID NOT SUFFICIENTLY ESTABLISH CAUSATION - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT EXPERT'S FIRST REPORT PROVIDED A SUFFICIENT BASIS TO ALLOW THE EXPERT TO TESTIFY AS TO THE CAUSE OF PLAINTIFF'S EMBOLIC STROKE AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ONLY PROVIDED GROUNDS TO IMPEACH EXPERT'S ANTICIPATED TRIAL TESTIMONY; WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY DETERMINED THAT NEW EXPERT'S PROPOSED TESTIMONY SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PRECLUDED BECAUSE IT DID NOT ENTIRELY CONCERN A NEW THEORY OF CAUSATION TO THE EXTENT HE WAS PREPARED TO TESTIFY THAT THE ACCIDENT WAS A PROBABLE CAUSE OF DISLODGING THE BLOOD CLOT THAT CAUSED PLAINTIFF'S STROKE - NECESSITY FOR A FRYE HEARING - WHETHER EVIDENCE AT FRYE HEARING SUFFICIENTLY ESTABLISHED THE RELIABILITY OF EXPERT'S ASSERTIONS AS TO CAUSATION - TIMING OF IN LIMINE MOTIONS;

SAINT v SYRACUSE SUPPLY COMPANY:

LABOR - SAFE PLACE TO WORK--WHETHER PLAINTIFF WAS "ALTERING" A STRUCTURE WITHIN THE MEANING OF LABOR LAW § 240(1) AND WAS ENGAGED IN "CONSTRUCTION WORK" WITHIN THE MEANING OF LABOR LAW § 241(6) WHEN HE WAS APPLYING A NEW ADVERTISEMENT TO THE FACE OF A BILLBOARD; WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN DISMISSING PLAINTIFF'S LABOR LAW § 240(2) CLAIM REGARDING SCAFFOLDING MORE THAN 20 FEET FROM THE GROUND;

SANDERS (OSCAR), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SUPPRESSION HEARING - SEARCH AND SEIZURE OF DEFENDANT'S CLOTHING LYING ON THE FLOOR OF A HOSPITAL ROOM IN A CLEAR PLASTIC BAG, AS POSSIBLE EVIDENCE OF A CRIME IN WHICH POLICE BELIEVED DEFENDANT WAS THE VICTIM - AFTER SEARCH OF BAG, OFFICER CONCLUDED DEFENDANT'S WOUNDS WERE SELF-INFLICTED AND ARRESTED DEFENDANT FOR CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON; WHETHER TRIAL COURT ERRED IN CONDUCTING AN OFF-THE-RECORD SANDOVAL HEARING OUTSIDE OF DEFENDANT'S PRESENCE; CLAIMED VIOLATIONS OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS;

SANDERS (RASAUN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - APPEAL - WAIVER OF RIGHT TO APPEAL - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S WAIVER OF HIS RIGHT TO APPEAL WAS KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY - COUNTY COURT DID NOT INDICATE THAT APPEAL SUBJECT TO WAIVER WAS TO A HIGHER COURT - PROSECUTOR ASKED DEFENDANT IF HE UNDERSTOOD HE WAS WAIVING HIS RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE APPELLATE DIVISION, SECOND DEPARTMENT - SIGNIFICANCE OF DEFENDANT'S BACKGROUND AND FAMILIARITY WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM; SUPPRESSION HEARING - WHETHER COUNTY COURT PROPERLY DENIED SUPPRESSION OF CERTAIN STATEMENTS MADE AFTER AN FBI AGENT ADVISED DEFENDANT HE MIGHT BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE FEDERAL DEATH PENALTY; CLAIMED INSUFFICIENCY OF PLEA ALLOCUTION FOR INTENTIONAL ACT;

SANGARAY v WEST RIVER ASSOCIATES, LLC, et al.:

NEGLIGENCE - SIDEWALKS - FAILURE TO MAINTAIN SIDEWALK IN REASONABLY SAFE CONDITION - PROPERTY OWNER LIABILITY UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF CITY OF NEW YORK § 7-210 FOR INJURIES ARISING OUT OF A TRIP AND FALL DUE TO A HEIGHT DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN TWO ADJACENT FLAGS OF PAVEMENT ON A PUBLIC SIDEWALK - WHETHER SECTION 7-210 IMPOSES LIABILITY NOT ONLY ON OWNER OF PREMISES DIRECTLY ABUTTING HEIGHT DIFFERENTIAL OVER WHICH PLAINTIFF TRIPPED, BUT ALSO ON THE OWNER OF THE NEIGHBORING PREMISES WHERE OVER 90% OF THE LOWER OF THE TWO PAVEMENT FLAGS ALLEGEDLY WAS SITUATED - COMMON-LAW LIABILITY OF OWNER OF NEIGHBORING PREMISES;

SANS (MICHAEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - POSSESSION OF WEAPON - SUFFICIENCY OF ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT - MISDEMEANOR COMPLAINT CHARGING CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN THE FOURTH DEGREE BASED UPON DEFENDANT'S POSSESSION OF A GRAVITY KNIFE - PEOPLE v DREYDEN (15 NY3d 100 [2010]);

SCOTT (HAKIM B.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - MANSLAUGHTER - WHETHER THE EVIDENCE WAS SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT THE CONVICTION OF DEFENDANT FOR MANSLAUGHTER IN THE FIRST DEGREE - WHETHER THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF "A COMMUNITY OF PURPOSE" WITH THE CODEFENDANT WHO RETRIEVED AND USED THE BASEBALL BAT TO BEAT THE VICTIM WHILE DEFENDANT CHASED ANOTHER VICTIM; JURY

INSTRUCTIONS - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS DEPRIVED OF HIS RIGHT TO BE PRESENT FOR ALL MATERIAL STAGES OF HIS TRIAL - JURY INSTRUCTION CORRECTING DATES OF CRIMES GIVEN WITHOUT COUNSEL OR DEFENDANT IN COURTROOM;

SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, et al. v COUNTY OF RENSSELAER:

INSURANCE - LIABILITY INSURANCE - POLICE PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY POLICY - SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT SEEKING DAMAGES FOR INDIVIDUALS STRIP SEARCHED PURSUANT TO AN ALLEGEDLY UNCONSTITUTIONAL POLICY - WHETHER THE UNDERLYING ALLEGATIONS IN THE CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT REQUIRE COUNTY TO PAY INSURERS ONE DEDUCTIBLE FOR ONE OCCURRENCE OR SEPARATE DEDUCTIBLES FOR EACH CLASS ACTION PLAINTIFF - WHETHER THE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS ARISING OUT OF THE CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT ARE TO BE ALLOCATED RATABLY TO EACH CLASS ACTION PLAINTIFF; WHETHER THE INSURERS ACTED IN BAD FAITH IN THEIR REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNTY IN THE CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT; WHETHER INSURERS ARE LIABLE FOR COUNTY'S ATTORNEYS' FEES IN DEFENDING THIS ACTION;

SHANNON, &c., MATTER OF (FAMILY SERVICE SOCIETY OF YONKERS v WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES):

INCAPACITATED AND MENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS - GUARDIAN FOR PERSONAL NEEDS OR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - PRIORITY OF CLAIMS UPON DEATH OF PERSON WHO HAD RECEIVED MEDICAID - COMPETING CLAIMS OF SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND SKILLED NURSING FACILITY - WHETHER NURSING FACILITY'S CLAIMS AS A GENERAL CREDITOR AGAINST A GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNT, WHICH CLAIM AROSE DURING AN INCAPACITATED PERSON'S LIFETIME, HAS PRIORITY OVER A CLAIM ASSERTED BY A DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES WITH PREFERRED CREDITOR STATUS - SOCIAL SERVICES LAW §§ 104 AND 369;

SHIPLEY et al. v CITY OF NEW YORK et al.:

DEAD BODIES - RIGHT OF SEPULCHER - RELEASE OF DECEDENT'S BODY BY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE WITHOUT NOTIFICATION TO NEXT OF KIN THAT DECEDENT'S BRAIN HAD BEEN REMOVED AND RETAINED FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION;

SINCERBEAUX (DENNIS J.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT (SORA) - WHETHER POINTS WERE IMPROPERLY ASSESSED UNDER RISK FACTOR 9 BECAUSE DEFENDANT'S CONVICTION FOR ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD WAS NOT SEXUAL IN NATURE, AND WHETHER THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE IMPOSITION OF POINTS UNDER RISK FACTORS 1 AND 5;

SIERRA CLUB, et al., MATTER OF v VILLAGE OF PAINTED POST, et al.:

PARTIES - STANDING - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - COMPLAINT OF TRAIN NOISE NEWLY INTRODUCED INTO NEIGHBORHOOD - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT RESIDENT LACKED STANDING

BECAUSE HE FAILED TO ESTABLISH INJURY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF PUBLIC AT LARGE - ALLEGED PRESUMPTION OF STANDING BASED UPON RESIDENT'S PROXIMITY TO A RAIL LINE THAT TRAVERSED THE ENTIRE VILLAGE AND TRAIN NOISE; SEQRA REVIEW;

SILVERMAN, &c. v SILVER, &c., et al.:

JUDGES - JUDICIAL SALARIES - SEPARATION OF POWERS DOCTRINE - REMEDY FOR VIOLATION OF SEPARATION OF POWERS DOCTRINE - WHETHER LEGISLATION THAT CREATED A COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL COMPENSATION TO RECOMMEND PROSPECTIVE-ONLY ADJUSTMENTS TO JUDICIAL PAY, VIOLATES MATTER OF MARON v SILVER AND OTHER CASES DECIDED THEREWITH (14 NY3d 230 [2010]), BECAUSE IT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATION OF RETROACTIVE COMPENSATION - ENTITLEMENT TO DAMAGES FOR BACK PAY BASED UPON RETROACTIVE PAY INCREASES;

SMALL (SAMUEL), PEOPLE v a/k/a SMALLS (SAMUEL):

GRAND JURY - RIGHT TO APPEAR BEFORE GRAND JURY - DEFENDANT IN CUSTODY FOR ONE BURGLARY WHEN FELONY COMPLAINT ISSUED CHARGING HIM WITH ANOTHER BURGLARY WAS NOT ARRESTED OR ARRAIGNED ON THE SECOND CHARGE - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS ENTITLED TO NOTICE THAT THE SECOND CHARGE WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE GRAND JURY; SECOND VIOLENT FELONY OFFENDER STATUS - TOLLING OF TIME TO EXTEND 10-YEAR LIMITATION ON PRIOR FELONIES (PENAL LAW § 70.04[1]) WHERE DEFENDANT WAS GRANTED HABEAS CORPUS RELIEF FROM INCARCERATION FOR PRIOR PAROLE VIOLATION;

SMALLS (DENNIS P.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT - SUFFICIENCY - CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - WHETHER CONFIRMATORY SCIENTIFIC TESTING IS REQUIRED FOR AN INFORMATION TO ADEQUATELY ALLEGE THAT THE RESIDUE ON A CRACK PIPE CONTAINS COCAINE (PEOPLE v KALIN, 12 NY3d 225 [2009]);

SMITH (CHARLES), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - TRIAL - CROSS-EXAMINATION OF POLICE WITNESSES - USE OF FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS IN FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUITS AGAINST ARRESTING OFFICERS TO SHOW THAT OFFICERS WERE ACCUSED OF FABRICATING CHARGES IN DRUG SALE CASES SIMILAR TO DEFENDANT'S CASE - LIMITATION OF CROSS EXAMINATION BASED UPON IRRELEVANT OR COLLATERAL MATTERS; INSTRUCTIONS - CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE CHARGE - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN DETERMINING THAT THE TRIAL COURT PROPERLY DECLINED TO GIVE A CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE CHARGE BECAUSE THE PEOPLE'S CASE WAS NOT BASED ENTIRELY ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE;

SMITH (GLENN S.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - APPEAL - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT OF ERRORS UPON TAKING AN APPEAL TO APPELLATE TERM, WHERE DEFENDANT PROVIDED AN ELECTRONIC RECORDING OF THE UNDERLYING PROCEEDING INSTEAD OF A STENOGRAPHIC TRANSCRIPTION - CPL 460.10(3);

SOARES, &c., MATTER OF v CARTER, et al.:

PROCEEDING AGAINST BODY OR OFFICER - PROHIBITION - WHETHER WRIT OF PROHIBITION LIES WHERE A DISTRICT ATTORNEY SEEKS AN ORDER PROHIBITING A JUDGE FROM EXERCISING HIS CONTEMPT POWER OVER THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHO HAS ELECTED NOT TO CONTINUE A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION;

SOTO (VICTOR), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - EVIDENCE - DECLARATION AGAINST INTEREST - WHETHER A STATEMENT IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL ADMITS TO CONDUCT CONSTITUTING AN OFFENSE IS A STATEMENT AGAINST PENAL INTEREST, WHERE THE DECLARANT BELIEVES THAT THE CONDUCT MAY BE ILLEGAL BUT DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER IT IS ILLEGAL;

SPEAKS (LOUIS), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT - LINEUP - NO REQUIREMENT THAT LINEUP PARTICIPANTS BE NEARLY IDENTICAL TO DEFENDANT - WHETHER THE LINEUP IN WHICH DEFENDANT WAS IDENTIFIED BY A WITNESS WAS UNDULY SUGGESTIVE; CRIMES - EVIDENCE - WHETHER THE ADMISSION OF TESTIMONY OF A DETECTIVE RECOUNTING DESCRIPTION OF PERPETRATOR GIVEN BY NONTESTIFYING AND TESTIFYING WITNESSES VIOLATED THE HEARSAY RULE OR DEFENDANT'S RIGHT OF CONFRONTATION; WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS DEPRIVED OF THE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL BECAUSE HIS ATTORNEY FAILED TO OBJECT TO THE PROSECUTOR'S ALLEGEDLY IMPROPER COMMENTS DURING SUMMATION;

SPOLETA CONSTRUCTION, LLC v ASPEN INSURANCE UK LIMITED, &c., et al.:

INSURANCE - COVERAGE - WHETHER PLAINTIFF GENERAL CONTRACTOR ON A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PROVIDED TIMELY NOTICE OF AN "OCCURRENCE" SUCH THAT IT WAS ENTITLED TO COVERAGE AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED UNDER THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY ISSUED BY DEFENDANT ASPEN TO SUBCONTRACTOR; DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION SEEKING DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION IN UNDERLYING PERSONAL INJURY ACTION BY INJURED WORKER;

PEOPLE, et al. v SPRINT NEXTEL CORP., et al.:

TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - COMPLAINT ALLEGING VIOLATION OF NEW YORK FALSE CLAIMS ACT (STATE FINANCE LAW § 189[1][g]), EXECUTIVE LAW § 63(12) AND TAX LAW, ARTICLE 12, BY KNOWINGLY MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS MATERIAL TO AN OBLIGATION TO PAY SALES TAX PURSUANT TO TAX LAW § 1105(b)(2) - SALES TAX ON INTERSTATE VOICE SERVICE SOLD BY A MOBILE PROVIDER; PREEMPTION BY FEDERAL

MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SOURCING ACT (4 USC § 116, et seq.) - WHETHER EX POST FACTO CLAUSE OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION (ART. 1, § 10) BARS RETROACTIVE EFFECT OF CIVIL PENALTIES SOUGHT UNDER NEW YORK FALSE CLAIMS ACT;

PEOPLE &c., ex rel. DeLIA, ON BEHALF OF SS. (ANONYMOUS) v MUNSEY:
 HABEAS CORPUS - INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT - PATIENT'S RIGHT TO IMMEDIATE RELEASE WHERE HOSPITAL FILES AN INVOLUNTARY RETENTION APPLICATION AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE INITIAL RETENTION PERIOD - WHETHER MENTAL HYGIENE LAW § 33.15(b) REQUIRES SUPREME COURT TO CONDUCT AN EXAMINATION INTO PATIENT'S ALLEGED MENTAL DISABILITY AND RETENTION BEFORE GRANTING WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS IN A PROCEEDING BROUGHT PURSUANT TO CPLR ARTICLE 70;

STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY, MATTER OF v FITZGERALD:

INSURANCE - AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE - SUPPLEMENTARY UNINSURED/UNDERINSURED MOTORIST (SUM) ENDORSEMENT - WHETHER A POLICE VEHICLE IS A "MOTOR VEHICLE" WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE SUM ENDORSEMENT CONTAINED IN THE INSURANCE POLICY AT ISSUE;

STATE OF NEW YORK, MATTER OF v ANTHONY N.:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - CIVIL COMMITMENT OR SUPERVISION - MENTAL ABNORMALITY - DIAGNOSIS OF BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDER (BPD) - WHETHER BPD CAN CONSTITUTE A MENTAL ABNORMALITY REQUIRING CIVIL COMMITMENT;

STATE OF NEW YORK, MATTER OF v DENNIS K. (ANONYMOUS):

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - CIVIL COMMITMENT OR SUPERVISION - MENTAL ABNORMALITY - WHETHER LEGALLY SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE SUPPORTED THE JURY FINDING THAT DENNIS K. HAD A MENTAL ABNORMALITY UNDER MENTAL HYGIENE LAW § 10.03(i) - ANTISOCIAL PERSONALITY DISORDER AND PARAPHILIA NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED NONCONSENT; CONFINEMENT REQUIRED - WHETHER LEGALLY SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE SUPPORTED THE FINDING THAT DENNIS K. WAS A DANGEROUS SEX OFFENDER REQUIRING CONFINEMENT; TRIAL - INSTRUCTIONS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT, IN LIGHT OF SUPREME COURT'S JURY CHARGE, THE SUMMATION REMARKS BY THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL DID NOT DEPRIVE DENNIS K. OF A FAIR TRIAL, AND THAT SUPREME COURT DID NOT IMPROVIDENTLY EXERCISE ITS DISCRETION IN DECLINING TO GIVE THE SPECIFIC CHARGE REQUESTED BY COUNSEL FOR DENNIS K.; DISCLOSURE - PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO DISCLOSE - PRECLUSION OF EXPERT TESTIMONY - WHETHER SUPREME COURT ERRED IN NOT PRECLUDING OR LIMITING THE TESTIMONY OF THE STATE'S EXPERT WITNESSES AT THE DISPOSITIONAL HEARING;

STATE OF NEW YORK, MATTER OF v HUMBERTO G.:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - CIVIL COMMITMENT OR SUPERVISION -

WHETHER THE COURTS BELOW ERRED IN DETERMINING THAT HUMBERTO G. WAS A DETAINED SEX OFFENDER - WHETHER DIAGNOSIS OF ANTISOCIAL PERSONALITY DISORDER ALONE CAN SUPPORT A FINDING THAT HUMBERTO G. SUFFERED FROM A "MENTAL ABNORMALITY" AS DEFINED IN MENTAL HYGIENE LAW § 10.03(i);

STATE OF NEW YORK, MATTER OF v ROBERT F.:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - CIVIL COMMITMENT OR SUPERVISION - WHETHER SUPREME COURT ERRED BY PERMITTING THE STATE'S EXPERT TO PROVIDE REBUTTAL TESTIMONY AT A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING VIA TWO-WAY VIDEO CONFERENCE - WHETHER THE HEARING COURT IS REQUIRED TO MAKE A FINDING OF "GOOD CAUSE" OR "EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES" BEFORE PERMITTING A REBUTTAL WITNESS TO TESTIFY VIA TWO-WAY VIDEO CONFERENCE INSTEAD OF IN PERSON;

SUTTNER, &c. v A.W. CHESTERTON COMPANY et al.:

PRODUCTS LIABILITY - FAILURE TO WARN OF DANGER - WHETHER THE COURTS BELOW ERRED IN HOLDING THAT VALVE MANUFACTURER HAD A DUTY TO WARN OF THE DANGERS INHERENT IN THE USE OF ASBESTOS-CONTAINING GASKETS THAT WERE COMPONENTS OF THE VALVES, BUT WHICH DEFENDANT DID NOT MANUFACTURE OR SELL;

SYDORIAK (TYSON), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - JURORS - NOTICE TO COUNSEL OF SUBSTANTIVE JUROR INQUIRY LETTER - MODE OF PROCEEDINGS ERROR - WITHOUT DEFENSE COUNSEL'S OBJECTION TO THE COURT'S PROCEDURES OR RESPONSES, TRIAL JUDGE READ NOTES TO JURY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PRESENCE OF COUNSEL AND DEFENDANT, AND RESPONDED TO JURY WITHOUT FIRST GETTING INPUT FROM COUNSEL;

PEOPLE ex rel. BOURLAYE T. v CONNOLLY &c.:

CRIMES - SEX OFFENDERS - CIVIL COMMITMENT OR SUPERVISION - DENIAL OF WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS - WHETHER PETITIONER IS A "DETAINED SEX OFFENDER" AS DEFINED IN MENTAL HYGIENE LAW § 10.03(g)(5) AND THUS THE PROPER SUBJECT OF A PETITION FOR CIVIL MANAGEMENT WHERE PETITIONER WAS ON "IMMIGRATION PAROLE" AWAITING DEPORTATION BY U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AND SERVING A PERIOD OF PAROLE SUPERVISED BY THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WHEN, WITHOUT COMMITTING A PAROLE VIOLATION, HE WAS ARRESTED AND TRANSPORTED BACK TO A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AND THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW ARTICLE 10 PROCEEDING WAS NOT COMMENCED UNTIL AFTER PETITIONER'S REINCARCERATION;

TAYLOR (RHIAN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - JURORS - NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIVE JURY INQUIRY - WHERE THE PARTIES AGREED THAT THE COURT COULD PROVIDE THE JURY WITH ANY "REQUESTED EXHIBITS" WITHOUT CONSULTING COUNSEL, WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT COMMITTED AN ERROR UNDER PEOPLE v O'RAMA (78 NY2d 270), WHERE IT DID NOT CONSULT COUNSEL BEFORE RESPONDING TO A

JURY NOTE ASKING "TO SEE THE BENEFITS OFFERED" TO THE PEOPLE'S TWO COOPERATING WITNESSES BY PROVIDING THE JURY WITH THE WRITTEN COOPERATION AGREEMENT AS TO ONE OF THE WITNESSES, WHICH WAS IN EVIDENCE, WHERE THE BENEFITS OFFERED TO THE OTHER WITNESS WERE REFLECTED ONLY IN TESTIMONY AND NOT IN ANY EXHIBIT;
 IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT - PHOTOGRAPHIC ARRAY - WHETHER DEFENDANT "OPENED THE DOOR" TO A WITNESS TESTIFYING TO AN EXTRAJUDICIAL IDENTIFICATION OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF DEFENDANT;
 WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN ALLOWING A DETECTIVE TO TESTIFY THAT DEFENSE COUNSEL WAS PRESENT AT A LINEUP OBSERVED BY A WITNESS;

TEXEIRA, MATTER OF v FISCHER &c.:

PRISONS AND PRISONERS - DISCIPLINE OF INMATES - VIOLATION OF A PRISONER'S RIGHT TO CALL A WITNESS AT A DISCIPLINARY HEARING - WHETHER THE PROPER REMEDY FOR SUCH A VIOLATION IS EXPUNGEMENT OR REMITTAL FOR A NEW HEARING;

THOMAS v NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY:

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - NOTICE OF CLAIM - SUFFICIENT PARTICULARITY OF NOTICE - WHETHER PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF CLAIM ALLEGING A DEFECTIVE FLOOR LANDING GAVE SUFFICIENT NOTICE OF A CLAIM CONCERNING A DEFECTIVE HANDRAIL;

THOMPSON (FREDDIE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - RESENTENCE - WHETHER THE COURTS BELOW PROPERLY CALCULATED THE 10-YEAR LOOK-BACK PERIOD IN ADJUDICATING DEFENDANT A SECOND VIOLENT FELONY OFFENDER; WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS DEPRIVED OF A FAIR TRIAL BY COMMENTS MADE DURING SUMMATION; WHETHER SUPREME COURT ERRED IN DENYING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO REOPEN THE WADE HEARING;

TIPALDO v LYNN:

LABOR - WHISTLEBLOWER LAW (CIVIL SERVICE LAW § 75-b) - RETALIATORY PERSONNEL ACTION AGAINST CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) EMPLOYEE WHO REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION (DOI) THAT TWO OF HIS SUPERVISORS VIOLATED BIDDING RULES - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY DETERMINED THAT IT WAS FUTILE FOR PLAINTIFF TO FIRST REPORT THE ALLEGED VIOLATION TO THE INTERNAL DOT "APPOINTING AUTHORITY," AS REQUIRED BY THE STATUTE, BECAUSE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO COMMITTED THE ALLEGED VIOLATION WERE THE "APPOINTING AUTHORITY," AND THAT PLAINTIFF'S INFORMAL REPORT TO HIS IMMEDIATE SUPERVISORS AND HIS FORMAL REPORT TO THE DOI "SATISFACTORILY MET" THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT;
 INTEREST - INTEREST ON AWARD - PRE-DETERMINATION INTEREST - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT PRE-DETERMINATION INTEREST IS AVAILABLE TO A PREVAILING PLAINTIFF IN AN ACTION BROUGHT UNDER CIVIL SERVICE LAW § 75-b;

TORRES v JONES, et al. (AND ANOTHER ACTION):

TORTS - CIVIL RIGHTS - FALSE ARREST, FALSE IMPRISONMENT AND UNREASONABLE SEIZURE - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN

HOLDING THAT PLAINTIFF FAILED TO RAISE A TRIABLE ISSUE OF FACT REGARDING THE EXISTENCE OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR HER ARREST; MALICIOUS PROSECUTION - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN HOLDING THAT PLAINTIFF FAILED TO REBUT THE PRESUMPTION OF PROBABLE CAUSE CREATED BY THE GRAND JURY'S INDICTMENT AND FAILED TO RAISE A TRIABLE ISSUE OF FACT THAT HER ARREST AND PROSECUTION WERE MOTIVATED BY ACTUAL MALICE; QUALIFIED IMMUNITY; APPEARANCE BY INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT IN ACTION;

UNIVERSAL AMERICAN CORP. v NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PITTSBURGH, PA.:

INSURANCE - CONSTRUCTION OF POLICY - COMPUTER FRAUD POLICY - WHETHER THE COURTS BELOW PROPERLY DETERMINED THAT THE POLICY AT ISSUE IS NOT AMBIGUOUS AND THAT THE INSURED'S LOSSES WERE NOT COVERED BY THE POLICY - CONSTRUCTION OF THE TERM "FRAUDULENT ... ENTRY OF ELECTRONIC DATA";

VARENGA (NATANAEL SAGASTUMEAL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN DENYING DEFENDANT A HEARING ON HIS MOTION TO VACATE HIS CONVICTION ON THE GROUND THAT HE WAS DEPRIVED OF HIS RIGHT TO THE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL BY HIS ATTORNEY'S ALLEGED FAILURE TO ADVISE HIM OF THE IMMIGRATION CONSEQUENCES OF HIS GUILTY PLEA - FINALITY OF DEFENDANT'S CONVICTION IN RELATION TO TIMING OF U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION IN PADILLA v KENTUCKY (559 US 356); RETROACTIVE EFFECT OF PADILLA DECISION;

VIVIANE ETIENNE MEDICAL CARE, P.C. &c. v COUNTRY-WIDE INSURANCE CO.:

INSURANCE - NO-FAULT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE - PLAINTIFF'S BURDEN OF PROOF ON A MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT - EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT FOR PRIMA FACIE CASE - EFFECT OF INSURANCE CARRIER'S FAILURE TO TIMELY DENY THE CLAIM; SUMMARY JUDGMENT;

ESTATE OF WAGNER, MATTER OF (AARISMAA; WAGNER):

APPEAL - APPEALABLE PAPER - LETTER FROM SURROGATE'S COURT;

WALKER (CHRISTOPHER E.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - JUSTIFICATION - PROPER JURY CHARGE - WHETHER THE PATTERN JURY INSTRUCTION ON THE "INITIAL AGGRESSOR EXCEPTION" TO THE JUSTIFICATION DEFENSE MISSTATES THE APPLICABLE LAW WHERE THE DEFENDANT CLAIMS HE USED FORCE TO SHIELD ANOTHER PERSON FROM ATTACK IN AN ONGOING ALTERCATION;

WALLACE (BOBBY), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SUPPRESSION HEARING - STATEMENTS MADE BY DEFENDANT TO POLICE PRIOR TO HIS ARREST - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS "IN CUSTODY"

FOR PURPOSES OF THE RULE SET FORTH IN MIRANDA v ARIZONA - WHETHER THE "PUBLIC SAFETY" EXCEPTION TO THE MIRANDA RULE APPLIES IN THIS CASE WHERE THE OFFICERS WERE NOT CONCERNED FOR THEIR SAFETY AND THE "WEAPON" AT ISSUE WAS NOT AN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ITEM LIKE A GUN OR KNIFE;

WALTON v STRONG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, et al.:

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS - MEDICAL MALPRACTICE - "FOREIGN OBJECT" EXCEPTION (CPLR 214-a) - FAILURE TO REMOVE POLYVINYL CATHETER FROM HEART AFTER SURGERY - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT PORTION OF POLYVINYL CATHETER THAT BROKE OFF AND REMAINED IN PATIENT AFTER ALL OTHER CATHETERS WERE REMOVED WAS A FIXATION DEVICE AND NOT A FOREIGN OBJECT BECAUSE THE CATHETERS WERE INTENTIONALLY PLACED INSIDE PLAINTIFF'S BODY TO MONITOR ATRIAL PRESSURE FOR A FEW DAYS AFTER HEART SURGERY;

WASHINGTON (KAREEM), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS DENIED THE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF CONFLICT-FREE COUNSEL, WHERE, AFTER THE JURY RENDERED A VERDICT, THE TRIAL COURT DENIED DEFENDANT'S PRO SE MOTION FOR PRETRIAL ASSIGNMENT OF NEW COUNSEL IN RELIANCE ON DEFENSE COUNSEL'S REPRESENTATIONS THAT DEFENDANT'S ALLEGATIONS OF INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE WERE INCORRECT;

WATSON (LAWRENCE), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST - REPRESENTATION OF DEFENDANT BY STAFF ATTORNEY OF AN INSTITUTIONAL DEFENDER WHERE POTENTIAL WITNESS IN DEFENDANT'S CASE HAD BEEN REPRESENTED BY A DIFFERENT STAFF ATTORNEY IN A CASE ARISING OUT OF THE SAME INCIDENT UNDERLYING THE CHARGES AGAINST DEFENDANT - APPLICATION OF PEOPLE v WILKINS (28 NY2d 53) TO SMALLER-SCALE PUBLIC DEFENSE AGENCY - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT NO ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTED - WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT VIOLATED DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO COUNSEL OF HIS OWN CHOOSING BY DISQUALIFYING DEFENSE COUNSEL EVEN THOUGH DEFENDANT WAIVED ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICT;

WILLIAMS (CHRISTIAN), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - PLEA OF GUILTY - WITHDRAWAL OF PLEA - ILLEGALITY OF AGREED UPON SENTENCE - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY HELD THAT DEFENDANT'S JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION, ENTERED UPON A GUILTY PLEA, MUST BE VACATED BECAUSE THE RECORD DISCLOSED THAT NEITHER THE COURT NOR THE PARTIES REALIZED THAT THE AGREED UPON SENTENCE, TO BE IMPOSED IF DEFENDANT COMPLIED WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THE PLEA, WAS ILLEGAL; CRIMES - APPEAL - PRESERVATION OF ISSUE FOR REVIEW - CONSTITUTIONAL CLAIM THAT GUILTY PLEA VIOLATED DUE

PROCESS - WHETHER DEFENDANT WAS REQUIRED TO PRESERVE HIS CONSTITUTIONAL CLAIM BY MOVING TO WITHDRAW HIS PLEA;

WILLIAMS (PAUL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - INSTRUCTIONS - SEX CRIMES - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION ERRED IN DETERMINING THAT THE JURY COULD NOT HAVE CONVICTED DEFENDANT OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE FIRST DEGREE BASED ON A THEORY NOT CHARGED IN THE SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT BECAUSE NO EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE UNCHARGED THEORY WAS PRESENTED AT TRIAL; ARGUMENT AND CONDUCT OF COUNSEL - PROSECUTOR'S IMPROPER COMMENTS REGARDING DEFENDANT'S SILENCE - HARMLESS ERROR; SENTENCE - CONCURRENT AND CONSECUTIVE TERMS - WHETHER SENTENCES IMPOSED ON CONVICTIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE FIRST DEGREE AND RAPE IN THE THIRD DEGREE MUST RUN CONCURRENTLY BECAUSE THEY AROSE FROM ONE CONTINUOUS ACT;

WOODSIDE MANOR NURSING HOME, MATTER OF v SHAH:

HEALTH - MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES - WHETHER (1) PUBLIC HEALTH LAW § 2808(17)(b), WHICH ESTABLISHED A MORATORIUM AND CAP ON THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S REVISION OF MEDICAID RATE APPEALS BY RESIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, APPLIES RETROACTIVELY TO RATE APPEALS FILED PRIOR TO ITS ENACTMENT; (2) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION UNCONSTITUTIONALLY DEPRIVES PETITIONERS OF VESTED PROPERTY RIGHTS; AND (3) PETITIONERS ARE ENTITLED UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO A WRIT OF MANDAMUS COMPELLING DETERMINATION OF THEIR RATE APPEALS;

WRAGG (WILLIE L.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SENTENCE - SECOND CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY OFFENDER - WHETHER THE PEOPLE ARE PERMITTED TO SEEK A SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT PURSUANT TO PENAL LAW § 70.07 BY FILING A CPL 400.19 SECOND CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY OFFENDER STATEMENT AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF TRIAL; RIGHT TO COUNSEL - EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION - WHETHER DEFENDANT RECEIVED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HIS ATTORNEY FAILED TO OBJECT TO THE TESTIMONY OF A POLICE OFFICER WHO REFERRED TO THE VICTIM'S PRE-ARREST IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT;

WRIGHT (HOWARD S.), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - MURDER - SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE - WHETHER EVIDENCE IS SUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH INTENTIONAL MURDER - CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE; CLAIMED PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT - STATEMENTS MADE BY PROSECUTOR DURING OPENING STATEMENT AND SUMMATION CONCERNING DNA EVIDENCE; CLAIMED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL - DEFENSE COUNSEL'S FAILURE TO OBJECT TO PROSECUTOR'S STATEMENTS;

MATTER OF YOGA VIDA NYC, INC. v COMMISSIONER OF LABOR:

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - EMPLOYEE OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR - SUFFICIENT CONTROL OVER INSTRUCTORS TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT

RELATIONSHIP - WHETHER SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE SUPPORTS THE BOARD'S DETERMINATION THAT NON-STAFF INSTRUCTORS, WHO TAUGHT YOGA CLASSES AT BOTH YOGA VIDA AND OTHER VARIOUS LOCATIONS, WERE IN FACT YOGA VIDA'S EMPLOYEES RATHER THAN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, THUS REQUIRING YOGA VIDA TO MAKE ADDITIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS;

YONAMINE, MATTER OF v NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, et al.:
CONTEMPT - CIVIL CONTEMPT - ORDER REQUIRING CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOIL REQUEST - WHETHER PETITIONER FAILED TO DEMONSTRATE BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE, AS REQUIRED FOR A FINDING OF CIVIL CONTEMPT, RESPONDENTS' DISOBEDIENCE WITH A JANUARY 20, 2012 SUPREME COURT ORDER REQUIRING THEM TO CERTIFY THAT THEY HAD DISCLOSED ALL DOCUMENTS RESPONSIVE TO PETITIONER'S FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL) REQUEST AND THAT A DILIGENT SEARCH HAD BEEN CONDUCTED FOR DOCUMENTS THAT COULD NOT BE LOCATED;

ZELICHENKO v 301 ORIENTAL BOULEVARD, LLC:
NEGLIGENCE - MAINTENANCE OF PREMISES - TRIP AND FALL ON STAIRS DUE TO CHIP ON EDGE OF STEP - WHETHER SUMMARY JUDGMENT WAS PROPERLY GRANTED TO DEFENDANT UPON THE GROUND THAT, AS A MATTER OF LAW, THE CHIP WAS A TRIVIAL DEFECT AND DID NOT CONSTITUTE A TRAP OR NUISANCE;