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NEW FILINGS DIGEST - CUMULATIVE UPDATE

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

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

ALEYNIKOV (SERGEY), PEOPLE v:

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

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

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

ALTMAN v 285 WEST FOURTH LLC:

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

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

Fraud--Fraud in Inducement--Alleged fraudulent inducement to issue financial guaranty insurance policies for residential mortgage-backed securitizations--elements to establish cause of action for fraudulent inducement--justifiable reliance--applicability of Insurance Law § 3105; recovery of claims payments made by insurer--contractual repurchase protocol; recovery of attorneys' fees; summary judgment;

ANDINO, MATTER OF v MILLS, et al.:

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

ANDREW CAROTHERS, M.D., P.C., &c. v PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE COMPANY, et al.:

Insurance--No-Fault Automobile Insurance--Payment withheld by insurance carrier for medical services provided by a professional corporation which has been "fraudulently incorporated" to allow nonphysicians to share in its ownership and control--elements necessary to establish the defense of fraudulent incorporation recognized in State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v Mallela (4 NY3d 313 [2005]); jury instructions--adverse inference--nonparties' invocation of Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination;

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

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

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

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

TOWN OF AURORA &c. v VILLAGE OF EAST AURORA, &c.:

Bridges--Maintenance--Whether Town of Aurora or Village of East Aurora is responsible for the costs of repairing a bridge constructed and maintained by the Village; Village board of trustees never adopted resolution assuming care, control and maintenance of the bridge; application of Village Law §§ 6-604, 6-606;

BAILEY (PRINCESAM), PEOPLE v:

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

BAISLEY (STEVEN), PEOPLE v:

Courts--Jurisdiction--Whether a local criminal court has jurisdiction over charges of nonsupport of a child in the second degree (Penal Law § 260.05[2]) and criminal contempt in the second degree (Penal Law § 215.30[3]); criminal contempt charge based on defendant's failure to obey a Family Court order of child support; application of Family Court Act §§ 156, 411;

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

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

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

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

BERREZUETA (STEVEN), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Possession of a Weapon--Whether information charging defendant with attempted criminal possession of a weapon in the

fourth degree was jurisdictionally defective where it alleged that defendant possessed a switchblade that opened by means of a button located in the blade of the knife, as opposed to the handle of the knife; legal sufficiency of the evidence presented at trial; Penal Law § 265.00(4);

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

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

BOYD (MARK), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Instructions--Submission of noninclusory concurrent count to jury--whether the trial court abused its discretion in granting People's request to dismiss the count of unlawful possession of an air pistol or BB gun and submitting to the jury only those counts relating to defendant's possession of a pistol; evidence--whether certain evidentiary rulings deprived defendant of a meaningful opportunity to present a defense; right to counsel--whether trial counsel was ineffective for failing to request admission of defendant's out-of-court post-arrest statement; district and prosecuting attorneys--alleged prosecutorial misconduct;

BRITTON (QUINN), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Sex Offenders--Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA)--Whether the SORA hearing court properly assesses points under risk factor 2 for sexual intercourse, deviant sexual intercourse, or aggravated sexual abuse, where defendant was acquitted of the charges pertaining to such conduct.

BROOKS, et al. v APRIL, et al.:

Physicians and Surgeons--Malpractice--Whether, upon submission of affirmations of experts on defendants' motion for summary judgment, defendants established their entitlement to judgment as a matter of law and plaintiffs failed to raise a triable issue of fact as to defendant physician's alleged negligence in diagnosing plaintiff's brain trauma;

BROOKS (NICHOLAS), PEOPLE v:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CANGRO v PARK SOUTH TOWERS ASSOCIATES, et al.:

Dismissal and Nonsuit--Dismissal of Complaint--Claims dismissed based on res judicata, untimeliness, and failure to plead with requisite particularity; sanctions against plaintiff;

CAPITAL ONE TAXI MEDALLION FINANCE v CORRIGAN, et al.:

Suretyship and Guarantee--Action to recover on two guaranties--line of credit secured by loans to Chicago taxi owners and drivers for the purchase of taxi medallions--whether defendants' claim for negligent impairment of collateral, which remains pending in parallel litigation, barred summary judgment in plaintiff's favor; lender's alleged refusal to release liens to permit sale of taxi medallions while they had higher value, and alleged withdrawal from medallion lending market to pursue competing venture with a ride-sharing service;

THOMAS CC., MATTER OF:

Guardian and Ward--Appointment of Guardian--Powers--Powers of Attorney--Revocation of power of attorney; claimed denial of equal protection and due process;

CHRISTIE, MATTER OF v ANNUCCI &c.:

Prisons and Prisoners--Discipline of Inmates--Petitioner's right to access certain information regarding evidence testing apparatus; application of 7 NYCRR 1020.4, 1020.5; alleged due process violation;

CISSE (ALI), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Evidence--Whether defendant's telephone calls from prison were admitted into evidence in violation of federal and/or state wiretapping statutes, or right to counsel and due process protections; suppression--whether various physical items should have been suppressed as fruits of an improper stop and search; whether the trial court improperly asked the jury whether it had reached a partial verdict; claimed ineffective assistance of counsel--counsel failed to move to suppress a suggestive identification and to dismiss the reckless endangerment count; whether the trial court erred in rejecting a voluntariness instruction to the jury;

CLEMENT v DURBAN, et al.:

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

CONGEL, et al. v MALFITANO:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CRESPO (RAYMOND), PEOPLE v:

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

CUMMINGS (TWANEK), PEOPLE v:

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

MATTER OF CZEIZINGER (CHAMBLISS-PARTEE; BALDWIN, JR.):

Accounting--Objections to accounting denied; claimed lack of personal and subject matter jurisdiction; alleged denial of objector's right to present proof;

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

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

DIAZ (EMMANUEL), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Evidence--Whether defendant's telephone calls from prison were improperly admitted into evidence in the absence of his consent to release of the recordings to the prosecution; right to counsel--effective representation--whether defendant was deprived of the effective assistance of counsel as a result of his trial counsel's failure to request that the jury be charged on the affirmative defense that the object which he displayed was not a loaded weapon;

DIAZ (FREDERICK), PEOPLE v:

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

DIXON v CUOMO, et al.:

Proceeding Against Body or Officer--Certiorari--Various claims
 and causes of action asserted by prisoner--dismissal of all but
 one cause of action; claimed due process violations;

DIXON v STATE OF NEW YORK:

Courts--Court of Claims--Whether claimant stated a cause of
 action and whether claim was timely--personal injury claim by
 prisoner related to claimant's belief that the name on his birth
 certificate has been misused by defendant's employees and agents--
 claimed false criminal accusations and convictions; claimed due
 process violations;

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

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

EASTBROOKE CONDOMINIUM, &c., MATTER OF v AINSWORTH, &c. et al.:

Taxation--Assessment--Whether condominium unit owner's
 authorization to condominium's board of managers to act as an
 agent in proceeding challenging tax assessment for a particular
 tax year authorizes the board to act as unit owner's agent for a
 different year; application of Real Property Tax Law § 339-y (4);
 whether respondents waived any deficiency in unit owners'
 authorizations;

EDWARD (ALBERT), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - POSSESSION OF WEAPON - SUFFICIENCY OF ACCUSATORY
 INSTRUMENT - WHETHER FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS WERE SUFFICIENT TO
 SUPPORT CHARGE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN THE FOURTH
 DEGREE, WHERE DEFENDANT WAS ARRESTED FOR TRESPASSING IN THE LOBBY

OF A HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING AND THE ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT ALLEGED THAT, UPON HIS ARREST, THE POLICE RECOVERED "A BOX CUTTER FROM THE DEFENDANT AND DEFENDANT STATED IN SUBSTANCE, I USE IT ON THE TRAIN FOR PROTECTION" - POSSESSION OF "DANGEROUS KNIFE" OR A "DANGEROUS OR DEADLY INSTRUMENT OR WEAPON" WITH INTENT TO USE IT "UNLAWFULLY AGAINST ANOTHER" (PENAL LAW § 265.01[2]);

ELLIS, MATTER OF v CAWLEY, &c., et al.:

Proceeding against Body or Officer--Prohibition--CPLR article 78 proceeding to prohibit respondents from retrying petitioner on double jeopardy grounds, after defense motion for a mistrial granted in the first prosecution of petitioner on various charges arising out of a violent home invasion--during pendency of article 78 proceeding, petitioner was retried and convicted of all charges in the indictment; mootness;

EPAKCHI (DARIA N.), PEOPLE v:

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

ERIE INSURANCE EXCHANGE v J.M. PEREIRA & SONS, INC., et al.:

Insurance--Duty to Defend and Indemnify--Whether summary judgment was properly denied to plaintiff--whether plaintiff failed to establish, as a matter of law, that a certain exception to Exclusion G in the subject business catastrophe liability policy does not apply--commercial liability umbrella coverage--exhaustion of underlying policy coverage; summary judgment;

FENG LI, AN ATTORNEY, MATTER OF:

Attorney and Client--Disciplinary Proceedings--Application by Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District to impose discipline on respondent attorney based upon disciplinary action taken against him by the Supreme Court of New Jersey--attorney's disbursement of funds to himself from judgment recovered for client after dispute as to amount of attorney's fees; claimed due process and other constitutional violations related to the reciprocal discipline imposed;

FERRARA v PEACHES CAFÉ LLC, et al:

Liens--Mechanic's Lien--Whether defendant owner consented to improvements on real property it leased to a tenant who contracted for the improvements, thereby permitting imposition of a lien on the property under Lien Law § 3; whether lease indemnification clause extinguished owner's responsibility to pay for contractor's work;

FLORES (ALEX), RAMIREZ (LUCIO), AGUILAR (BENIGNO), FLORES (EMMANUEL), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Jurors--Selection of Jurors--whether trial court's empaneling of an anonymous jury was improper under CPL 270.15 and deprived defendants of their right to a fair trial; whether error in empaneling anonymous jury was harmless;

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

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

FORMAN v HENKIN:

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

FRANCIS (JUDE), PEOPLE v:

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

GALAXY BAR & GRILL CORP., MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY:

Intoxicating Liquors--Licenses--Whether the determination by the State Liquor Authority, disapproving petitioner's application for a full on-premises liquor license, had a rational basis;

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

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

GATES (RICKY D.), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Appeal--Whether defendant is precluded from challenging on appeal oral order denying suppression; defendant did not request that suppression ruling be memorialized in writing; suppression--whether state trooper had a founded suspicion of criminality so as to justify trooper's level two common-law inquiry under People v De Bour (40 NY2d 210 [1985]);

GERRISH v 56 LEONARD LLC, et al.:

Labor--Safe Place to Work--Where plaintiff was fabricating steel rebars at an off-site temporary project facility in the Bronx for a construction project located in Manhattan, whether plaintiff was working in a construction area within the meaning of Labor Law § 241(6); whether a question of fact exists as to involvement of defendants property owner and construction manager with off-site temporary construction facility;

GILBANE BUILDING CO./TDX CONSTRUCTION CORP, et al. v ST. PAUL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, et al.:

INSURANCE - DUTY TO DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY - WHETHER THE ADDITIONAL INSURED CLAUSE IN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY AT ISSUE COVERS ONLY THOSE THAT HAVE A WRITTEN CONTRACT DIRECTLY WITH THE NAMED INSURED - INTERPRETATION OF THE ADDITIONAL INSURANCE ENDORSEMENT IN POLICY COVERING BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT; DECLARATORY JUDGMENT;

GOLD, et al. v NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, et al.:

Arbitration--Agreement to Arbitrate--Whether the Appellate Division erred in determining that plaintiff Kartal's arbitration agreement containing a class action waiver is unenforceable as violating section 7 of the National Labor Relations Act--employee wage dispute with employer;

GONZALEZ, MATTER OF v ANNUCCI &c.:

Prisons and Prisoners--Whether the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision wrongfully denied petitioner good time credit based on his failure to locate housing that complied with the Sexual Assault Reform Act (SARA); whether the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision failed to comply with its obligations under the Correction Law by placing petitioner at a residential treatment facility following the maximum expiration date of his prison sentence and by failing to provide him statutorily required privileges and programming; Appeal--Academic and Moot Questions--Where petitioner level one sex offender was released from an approved residential treatment facility, whether mootness exception applied to petitioner's challenge to his placement in the facility and the conditions thereof; prisons and prisoners--whether Department of Corrections

and Community Supervision had an affirmative statutory duty to provide substantial assistance to petitioner in finding housing that complied with the Sexual Assault Reform Act and, under the circumstances, whether the assistance provided was insufficient; application of Correction Law § 201(5);

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

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

GRIMES (JAKIM), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Right to Counsel--Effective Representation--Whether, under the New York State Constitution, an attorney's failure to file a criminal leave application on a defendant's behalf at the Court of Appeals deprives the defendant of the effective assistance of counsel or due process of law;

HAKES (BRIAN), PEOPLE v:

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

HARRIS (WILLIAM), PEOPLE v:

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

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

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

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

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

HENRY (BRYAN), PEOPLE v:

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

HILL (NICHOLAS), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Suppression Hearing--Police retained defendant's proffered identification while investigating defendant's explanation about who he was visiting in a particular apartment building--whether the trial court properly denied defendant's motion to suppress physical evidence on the basis that the police officer's retention of defendant's identification constituted a significant interruption of his freedom of movement so as to constitute an unreasonable seizure;

MATTER OF BEATRICE R.H. (ANONYMOUS) (A.D. NO. 2014-10563):

Appeal--Appellate Division--Reargument of appeal;

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HUTZENLAUB, MATTER OF v VENETTOZZI, &c., et al.:

Prisons and Prisoners--Discipline of Inmates--Violation of prison rule; whether hearing officer properly denied prisoner's request to call witnesses; alleged due process violations; alleged bias of hearing officer; assistance of counsel; collection of evidence;

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

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

JOHNSON (MICHAEL), PEOPLE v:

CRIMES - SUPPRESSION HEARING - VOLUNTARINESS OF STATEMENTS - WHETHER THE APPELLATE DIVISION CORRECTLY DETERMINED THAT PRE-ARRAIGNMENT DELAY AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING INTERROGATION

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

JONES (DAMIAN), PEOPLE v:

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

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

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

KUZDZAL (MATTHEW), PEOPLE v:

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

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McCain (Douglas), PEOPLE v:

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

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MORRISON (WILLIAM), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Appeal--Mode of Proceedings Error--Whether a jury note constituted a substantive inquiry, thereby implicating the

procedure required under People v O'Rama (78 NY2d 270 [1991]); application of CPL 310.30; whether a reconstruction hearing is appropriate where the record is ambiguous as to whether the court provided counsel with notice of a substantive jury note;

MYERS (STEVEN), PEOPLE v:

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

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NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION, &c. v ALLIED HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS, INC.:

Covenants--Covenants Running with the Land--Whether affirmative covenant to provide free power to manufacturing facilities on property now owned by defendant Allied Healthcare Products is unenforceable as a burden in perpetuity; whether plaintiff and defendant Albany Engineering are equitably estopped from challenging covenant; whether defendant Allied Healthcare Products abandoned the power covenant;

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ODUM (DONALD), PEOPLE v:

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O'KANE (DENNIS), PEOPLE v:

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PALACIOS, MATTER OF v SINGAS, et al.:

Proceeding against Body or Officer--Prohibition--CPLR article 78 proceeding to prohibit respondents from retrying petitioner in a criminal action entitled People v Jose Palacios, pending in County Court, Nassau County, on the ground that to do so would subject him to double jeopardy; mistrial; alleged gross misconduct of an individual acting on petitioner's behalf --unavailability of complainant at trial;

PAPPAS, MATTER OF v NASSAU COUNTY SUPREME COURT, et al.:

Proceeding Against Body or Officer--Prohibition--Mandamus--whether the remedies of prohibition or mandamus lie; whether petitioner demonstrated a clear legal right to the relief sought; claimed restraint on free speech; claimed due process and equal protection violations;

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PENA, MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE GAMING COMMISSION:

Horse Racing--Revocation or Suspension of License--Trainer--Whether New York State Gaming Commission's determination revoking petitioner's licenses to participate in pari-mutuel harness racing for three years is supported by substantial evidence--veterinary records;

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STOP OF DEFENDANT AND IN SUBSEQUENTLY SEARCHING DEFENDANT FOR A WEAPON; IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT - WHETHER THE SHOW UP IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE WAS UNDULY SUGGESTIVE; CONFESSION - WHETHER DEFENDANT'S STATEMENTS TO POLICE WERE SPONTANEOUS; SENTENCE - WHETHER VACATUR OF DEFENDANT'S SENTENCE ON A CRIME FOR WHICH HE WAS SENTENCED AS A SECOND FELONY OFFENDER WAS WARRANTED WHERE THE SENTENCE ON THE PREDICATE CRIME WAS VACATED AND THE MATTER REMANDED FOR A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER DETERMINATION;

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Records--Sealing of Records--Motion to seal record of CPL 330.20 retention proceeding--whether the Appellate Division erred in determining that the confidentiality provisions of the Mental Hygiene Law do not require the sealing of documents filed in a CPL 330.20 (9) subsequent retention program; redaction;

REYES (CASIMIRO), PEOPLE v:

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

RICART (DOMINGO), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Right to Speedy Trial--Whether the motion court properly denied defendant's speedy trial motion; motion court determined that People failed to exercise due diligence in making witness available for trial and that exceptional circumstances therefore did not exist under CPL 30.30(4)(g);

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

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Crimes--Right of Confrontation--Whether defendant was deprived of his right of confrontation by the introduction into evidence at trial of laboratory reports of DNA testing linking him to the

crime based solely upon the testimony of a witness who was not one of the analysts who performed, witnessed or supervised the testing; right to counsel--effective representation--whether defense counsel's failure to object, on confrontation clause grounds, to the admission of evidence relating to DNA test results constituted ineffective assistance of counsel;

RUSH (TERRIE J.), PEOPLE v:

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

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SANABRIA (RAFAEL), PEOPLE v:

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

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

SCHNAPP v MILLER'S LAUNCH, INC.:

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SHEPHERD, MATTER OF v ANNUCCI, &c.:

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SICA, MATTER OF v DiNAPOLI &c.:

Civil Service--Retirement and Pension Benefits--Accidental disability retirement--whether the Appellate Division correctly held that the record did not contain substantial evidence to support the Comptroller's determination that petitioner firefighter's injuries from being exposed to colorless and odorless gases while responding to an emergency at a supermarket were not the result of an "accident" within the meaning of Retirement and Social Security Law § 363;

SILBURN (SPENCE), PEOPLE v:

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

SILVAGNOLI (ROQUE), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Right to Counsel--Representation on Unrelated Matter--Whether defendant's right to counsel was violated when detective, while questioning defendant on a homicide investigation, mentioned pending drug charge on which defendant was represented by counsel; whether questioning on drug charge was discrete and fairly separable from questioning on homicide charge;

SKANSKA USA BUILDING, INC. v ATLANTIC YARDS B2 OWNER, LLC, et al.:

Contracts--Breach or Performance of Contract--Construction maintenance contract for construction of high-rise residential tower in the Atlantic Yards project in Brooklyn--whether the Appellate Division erred in its interpretation of Lien Law § 5 as it applied to the security provided for contractor payment in this project--nature of bond or undertaking required to be posted for labor and materials furnished for work on public improvement; corporations--piercing of corporate veil--whether the Appellate Division erred in finding that plaintiff failed to plead a veil-piercing claim; attorney and client--disqualification--whether the Appellate Division erred in declining to disqualify one of defendants' law firms based on a conflict of interest;

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SPENCE, &c., et al., MATTER OF v NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS, et al.:

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STEINBERG, AN ATTORNEY, MATTER OF:

Attorney and Client--Disciplinary Proceedings--Challenge to Appellate Division order denying attorney's motion to transfer disciplinary proceeding to another Appellate Division department; alleged constitutional violations;

SUAZO (SAYLOR), PEOPLE v:

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

TAPIA (CARLOS), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Verdict--Sufficiency of the Evidence--Whether the evidence was legally sufficient to support verdict of attempted assault in the first degree; charge based on use of dangerous

instrument under an acting-in-concert theory, but no dangerous instrument recovered from crime scene and no evidence that defendant knew other perpetrator possessed a dangerous instrument; Identification of Defendant--Showup--Whether Supreme Court properly denied defendant's motion to suppress a showup identification--Evidence--Whether admission of police officer's grand jury testimony as a past recollection recorded violated the Confrontation Clause or the rule against hearsay;

THIBODEAU (GARY), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Vacatur of Judgment of Conviction--whether County Court erred in denying that part of defendant's CPL 440.10 motion alleging a Brady violation; Newly Discovered Evidence--whether County Court properly denied that part of defendant's CPL 440.10 motion based on newly discovered evidence; Evidence--whether third-party admissions were admissible hearsay; Claim of Actual Innocence--whether county court's rejection of defendant's newly discovered evidence claim constituted an implicit rejection of his actual innocence claim;

TIGER (NATASCHA), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Vacatur of Judgment of Conviction--Whether a freestanding claim of actual innocence is cognizable under CPL 440.10(1)(h); whether a defendant who pleads guilty may assert a freestanding actual innocence claim pursuant to CPL 440.10(1)(h); whether defendant made the requisite prima facie showing of actual innocence; right to counsel--effective representation; whether counsel was ineffective for failing to investigate possible alternative cause of victim's injuries;

T-MOBILE NORTHEAST, LLC, MATTER OF v DeBELLIS, &c., et al.:

Taxation--Real Property Tax--Whether cellular telephone equipment housed on rooftops in petitioner's service area are taxable real property under RPTL 102(12)(i) or RPTL 102(12)(b); whether application of RPTL 102(12)(i) to certain components of petitioner's cellular telephone equipment violates petitioner's right to equal protection;

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based on defendant's independent discovery or knowledge of nonconforming mortgages--whether late breach notice can relate back in time to the commencement of the underlying action in order to avoid dismissal; demand requirement contained within accrual clause of loan sale agreement--CPLR 203(f);

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

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

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

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

W. (TERI), PEOPLE v:

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WAITE, et al. MATTER OF v TOWN OF CHAMPION:

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

WALLACE (AKEEM), PEOPLE v:

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

WATTS (RODNEY), PEOPLE v:

Crimes--Forgery--Whether the crime of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, as defined by Penal Law § 170.10, encompasses the sale of counterfeit concert and sporting event tickets;

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