

For the International Municipal Lawyer's Association - IMLA's 5 things to know for February 5<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to Philadelphia another NFL season is in the books and spring training begins in the next couple of weeks. Forgetting sports for a moment, what else is going on?

1. Seattle has an innovative program for publicly funding elections. After the first round of using vouchers to fund campaigns, the City Attorney has charged a former candidate with attempted theft asserting she lied about the source of campaign funding.

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/former-seattle-city-council-candidate-hit-with-criminal-charges-in-vouchers-program/>

2. Next week Pete Haskel leads a discussion on ediscovery. These are excellent programs and timely. In both New York and Chicago judges have threatened sanctions for failing to provide discovery. Finding solutions to aggregating documents and files to meet discovery demands can be critical. Pete offers interesting insight into this complex area. Sign up for our ediscovery group to receive notices of the calls. You or your local government must be a member of IMLA.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-met-city-sanctions-withholding-evidence-cop-trial-20180202-story.html>

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/judge-recommends-stiff-sanctions-nypd-110159648.html>

3. In Ashland Kentucky, the city council is at odds over how to staff the city attorney's office. These discussions are always interesting and sometimes ill-informed. IMLA can provide consulting services to local governments regarding staffing of their law departments. While we charge for these services, members receive a discount.

[http://www.dailyindependent.com/news/ashland-commission-divided-over-city-attorney-job/article\\_4b54549a-02d0-11e8-a1ad-5bf5982bd0c8.html](http://www.dailyindependent.com/news/ashland-commission-divided-over-city-attorney-job/article_4b54549a-02d0-11e8-a1ad-5bf5982bd0c8.html)

4. In the Seventh Circuit, the court had the opportunity to review a lower court decision to dismiss a case against the City of Chicago. The police arrested a man believing him to be a bank robber. They charged him with some minor offenses to allow time to further investigate and put a hold on his release. A prosecutor concluded after 51 hours that he should be released. During the time in custody, the man was used as a "filler" in line-ups. He sued the police and the city. The suit against the city was stayed and he recovered \$60,000 in his suit against the officers. The 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit made short shrift of this case concluding that he can't recover twice for the same harm and that the other claims were not actionable.

<http://media.ca7.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/rssExec.pl?Submit=Display&Path=Y2018/D02-02/C:16-1568:J:Hamilton:condis:T:fnOp:N:2102034:S:0>

5. At scotusblog, that service identifies Teixeira vs Alameda County as a petition of the day. The petition seeks to answer questions involving the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment's application to zoning a gun store and whether there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right to sell firearms.

<http://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/teixeira-v-alameda-county-california/>

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