

For the International Municipal Lawyer's Association - IMLA's 5 things to know for February 27th

1. The Supreme Court today heard oral arguments in the case of *Lozman vs. the City of Riviera Beach*. This case could be a budget buster for local governments as the Supreme Court considers whether a person has a claim for First Amendment retaliation for an arrest even where the arrest is supported by probable cause. The facts are not good.

https://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/argument_transcripts/2017/17-21_67ip.pdf

2. In the Baltimore area there's been quite a lot of controversy over the question of whether the city will indemnify police officers against judgements. That issue just moved to the county where a jury awarded \$37 Million to a family that sued over a police shooting. The county will be required under state and county law to indemnify the officer.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/investigations/bs-md-sun-investigates-gaines-payment-20180222-story.html>

3. In San Diego, the city intended to hold a "Girls Empowerment" Fire Camp. A men's rights activist sought to have his son enroll and when that was stymied despite a camp policy to let all genders participate, the camp was cancelled, proving once again that no good deed goes unpunished.

<https://timesofsandiego.com/life/2018/02/23/san-diego-cancels-girls-empowerment-fire-camp-after-lawyer-complains-for-dad-seeking-sons-entry/>

4. In Wisconsin, the Supreme Court of that state heard arguments challenging the state's Tax Increment Financing law. The challengers claim the law violates a uniformity provision in the state's constitution.

<http://www.leadertelegram.com/News/Daily-Updates/2018/02/23/div-class-libPageBodyLinebreak-Supreme-Court-hears-EC-case-div.html>

5. In New Mexico the residents of Hobbs stormed city hall to counter a demand by the Freedom from Religion Foundation that it remove a Ten Commandments monument that has existed there for at least 50 years. The city noted that the monument is secular and not religious. My guess is that 70% may be, but it's hard to see all of it as not falling into one religion or another.

http://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local_news/hobbs-residents-rally-to-keep-ten-commandments-at-city-hall/article_ccb49088-ae66-5251-ab92-7e9cf9b2bcbe.html

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