

For the International Municipal Lawyer's Association - IMLA's 5 things to know for March 6th

1. In code enforcement news, the difficulty in getting resolution to serious nuisances and violations became evident in Milwaukee where a judge decided to give a landlord more time to sell his properties. The city rejected a claimed sale when the city discovered that the purported new owner seemed itself to be a likely problem.

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/investigations/2018/03/05/mystery-buyer-rejected-notorious-milwaukee-landlords-properties-but-judge-grants-more-time/396919002/>

2. In Seattle, transparency is a major goal and transparency in campaign finance a major part of that goal. A local reporter found discrepancies between financial reports filed by candidates and information provided by Google about how much was spent for ads. Based on the article, it seems as if the issue of transparency will not be aided by Google.

<https://www.thestranger.com/slog/2018/03/05/25873710/the-case-of-the-city-attorneys-google-ads>

3. In a recent petition at the Supreme Court the issue of whether the Eighth Amendment restricts cities from imposing fines and fees that are "excessive" has attracted the interest of the Institute for Justice and a bunch of law professors. Should the 8th Amendment be incorporated against the states under the 14th Amendment? Maybe this case will offer an answer.

<http://www2.law.ucla.edu/volokh/amicusclinic/timbs.pdf>

4. In Fall River a dispute between the city and the City's Economic Development organization has become a lawsuit and the city recently attempted to have a court protect some emails that were exchanged between the city and the organization. The court said no and the case highlights reasons for public officials to restrain themselves in their emails and texts.

<http://www.heraldnews.com/news/20180302/judge-denies-bid-to-keep-emails-private-in-lawsuit-between-fall-river-froed>

5. In issuing orders from its March 2nd Conference notable absences in the order list were the two cases involving legislative prayer and the case involving Qualified Immunity out of the 9th Circuit. The former cases are relatively new to the conference, but *Kisela vs Hughes* has been relisted several times. Will the court grant, vacate and remand?

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/search.aspx?filename=/docket/docketfiles/html/public/17-467.html>

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