

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

Today, in 1778 the United States entered its first Treaty. It was with France under the Treaty of Alliance and in 1952 Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne succeeding her father George VI.

1. In the 8th Circuit, the court affirmed a decision denying the sheriff of Washington County, Nebraska immunity for firing a deputy who had run against him in the election. The sheriff claimed that the deputy's campaign statements created a dysfunctional work environment, but the court found little evidence to support the claim.

<http://media.ca8.uscourts.gov/opndir/18/02/171002P.pdf>

2. In San Francisco, the city has begun collecting the rents of a landlord who owes it over \$5Million. She's reputed to be the cruelest landlord in the city and a difficult defendant when sued by tenants and the city. The city's judgment comes from a mountain of harassment violations and illegal evictions. Congratulations to Dennis Herrera the City Attorney and Peter Keith who is handling the case for the city. This would make a great code enforcement program!

<https://missionlocal.org/2018/02/sf-goes-after-citys-cruelest-landlord-snatching-rent-payments/>

3. Speaking of landlords, congratulations to City Attorney Susan Segal in Minneapolis for hosting a great Super Bowl and for bringing one of its landlords to task. The city revoked 60 rental licenses of a landlord and has successfully fended off an injunction by a purported buyer seeking to gain licenses from the property where the judge called the sale "suspicious". This could be another great code enforcement story.

<http://www.startribune.com/citing-suspicious-sale-of-embattled-landlord-s-properties-judge-backs-refusal-of-rental-licenses/472778773/>

4. In California San Diego among others successfully sought to have an opinion of an intermediate appellate court published. The case involved an attorney who frequently sues the city and others using an interesting business approach. He incorporates non-profits who sue and when they win, he collects attorneys fees and when they lose he claims insufficient capital to pay costs or fees. In a suit against Walmart the court sanctioned the attorney and non-profit for willfully failing to provide discovery as to who the non-profits members were to determine standing and the intermediate court upheld the sanctions.

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2018/feb/05/cory-briggs-law-firm-asks-state-supreme-court-revi/>

5. At scotusblog, that service identifies CTIA vs City of Berkely as a petition of the day. The case involves the question of forced speech under the First Amendment under an ordinance that requires wireless providers to tell customers of the risks of wearing cellphones on their bodies while on.

<http://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/ctia-wireless-association-v-city-berkeley-california/>

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