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RECENT CASES OF INTEREST

SETTLEMENT OF \$845,000 FOR WOMAN ASSAULTED IN BASEMENT OF CO-OP CITY BUILDING

A settlement of \$845,000 was negotiated on behalf of our client who was slashed by an assailant in her apartment building. We were able to establish that the Co-op City private security force was negligent in failing to timely respond to a neighbors complaint of a suspicious man in the building lobby.

DEP WHISTLEBLOWER RECEIVES \$185,000 FOR WRONGFUL TERMINATION

A former Department of Environmental Protection employee was awarded \$185,000 for being fired after complaining of her supervisor's abuse of City time and record falsification dealing with the reservoir water samples. The settlement was based upon whistleblower status and First Amendment protections.

SIX WOMEN AWARDED \$250,000 FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT BY MAJOR NATIONWIDE RETAIL CHAIN

Six women were awarded \$250,000 for being subjected to unwanted sexual advances, groping and physical intimidation by a store manager of a major nationwide retail chain. In addition to the award of damages, the store manager was terminated from his position as a result of the lawsuit.

TRANSIT AUTHORITY PAYS PREGNANT TRAIN OPERATORS AND CONDUCTORS \$250,000 FOR GENDER AND PREGNANCY DISCRIMINATION

In a Federal Court lawsuit, the Transit Authority paid \$250,000 to female employees who were subject to discriminatory layoffs relating to their pregnancy status. In addition, the pregnancy policy of the NYCTA was rewritten as a result of this lawsuit.