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Dos and Don’ts

Your email signature may be a tiny element in the scheme of your marketing, but it can be the most concise and consistent way to communicate who you are and where to find you. It’s surprising that more people don’t take care to use this tiny bit of e-real estate to its fullest potential. Deborah McMurray and Keith Wewe offer useful tips for doing just that!

Email Signatures: Valuable Real Estate

LEGAL MARKETING ETHICS

Is Your Business Card Ethical?

By William Hornsby | Mar.13.12 | 0 Comments

We do our best to go paperless, yet there’s one small piece of paper that seems to endure: the business card. Of course there are apps to exchange contact information, but I’ve yet to attend a conference where even the most tech-adept people were not trading old-fashioned, paper business cards. “Dignified, unembellished” business cards have long been ethically permissible, even when other forms of advertising were not. But you can’t overlook the fact that state ethics rules often apply...
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Time Warner Cable Customers Press Lawsuit Over Missing Linsanity

9:59 AM PDT 3/15/2012 by Eriq Gardner

It's tough being a New York Knicks fan. Headed into the team's Feb. 4 match-up with the New Jersey Nets, the Knicks had a 8-15 record when an unheralded point guard from Harvard named Jeremy Lin stepped off the bench and scored 25 points. The team reeled off seven straight wins to get to 15-15, but many Knicks fans couldn't see it because Time Warner and MSG were locked in a standoff over carriage fees. The dispute was settled on Feb. 17, bringing MSG back to television in much of the NY region.

But some fans haven't forgiven Time Warner Cable for robbing them of the opportunity to see 49 days of Linsanity.

In an amended class action, a group of plaintiffs demand that the cable distributor reimburse them for more than $5 million in service fees and charges for withholding programming.
Index of iPhone J.D.

This index allows you to browse through the more significant posts on iPhone J.D. since I started the website on November 17, 2008, including reviews of iPhone and iPad apps and accessories plus other significant posts. Also, remember that there is a helpful search box at the top right of every page if you are trying to find something specific.

Reviews of iPhone and iPad Apps (including web apps)

1. ABBYY Business Card Reader: 2/14/12
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Fleeing Scene of Accident

While it is not a crime to be involved in a traffic accident, it is illegal in both Virginia and D.C. – as in most jurisdictions – to leave the scene of an accident without either reporting the incident or waiting for police to arrive.

Washington, D.C.

Any motorist who either injures another person or causes “substantial” property damage in D.C. is required to remain on the scene and provide assistance. In the case of an accident involving injury, the driver is also required to immediately report the incident to police and to provide his name and address to either the injured person or a bystander requesting such information on behalf of the injured person. In the case of an accident involving damage to property, the motorist is required to provide the same information to the owner or operator of the property. If such owner or operator is present, the driver should immediately report the information to the police.

The penalty for a first-time offender of this offense in which there is “substantial” property damage is imprisonment for up to 30 days and/or $100 fine. Second or subsequent offenses are punishable by imprisonment for up to 90 days and/or $300 fine. The penalty for fleeing the scene of an accident involving injury to another person is imprisonment for up to 6 months and/or $500 fine. Second or subsequent offenses involving injury are punishable by up to a year in prison and/or $1,000 fine. D.C. Code § 50-2201.05.

Virginia

Motorists involved in a traffic accident in Virginia are generally required to wait at the scene until a police officer arrives. Due to the nature of these crimes, there is no time limit for reporting such incidents.
Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School Public Interest Law Society Invites you to the 2012 PILS Auction

Posted on March 7, 2012 by ProBonoGA

Support the Public Interest Law Society at Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School. The PILS is holding a silent auction as a fundraiser on March 30, 2012. Read more about the PILS Silent Auction.

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Georgia

Election cycle: 2012

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**MONEY SUMMARY, 2011-2012**

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The "rank" column to the right lets you see how Georgia compares to all 50 states. A rank of 15 in the "Percent to Democrats" category, for example, means that state's percentage of contributions to Democrats was the 15th highest in the nation.

† This figure includes PAC contributions to candidates, individual contributions ($200+) to candidates and parties, and Levin fund contributions to parties. To avoid double-counting, it does not include individual contributions to PACs.
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Thursday, March 01, 2012

Two Pharmaceutical Settlements for NY, Companies to Pay $28 Million

The New York Attorney General’s Office announced settlements with two pharmaceutical companies accused of violating the False Claims Act. Mylan Pharmaceuticals will pay $11 million to resolve allegations that it overcharged Medicaid for prescription drugs. KV Pharmaceutical company will pay $17 million for allegedly accepting Medicaid reimbursement for drugs that were deemed “less than effective” by the FDA, and thus were ineligible for reimbursement by federal healthcare programs.

Read the entire article, “NY Pharmaceutical Companies Pay $28M for Medicaid Violations”.

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mylan Settles Average Wholesale Price Case for $57 Million

Mylan has agreed to pay $57 million to resolve allegations that it overcharged the government for its drugs by reporting inflated prices. This case is one of several average wholesale price fraud cases brought by corporate whistleblower Ven-A-Care. The whistle-blowing company has recovered over $3 billion for the federal government.

Read the entire article, “Mylan to Pay $57 Million to Settle Drug Overpricing Claims”.
Regulatory Process

The Regulatory Timeline

Rulemaking is the policy-making process for Executive and Independent agencies of the Federal government. Agencies use this process to develop and issue Rules (Rules are also referred to as “regulations”).

The process is governed by the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. Chapter 5) and can lead to a new Rule, an amendment to an existing Rule, or the repeal of an existing Rule. Executive Orders 12866, 13563, and 13579 also establish principles and guidance for the rulemaking process.

The interactive diagram below provides a general overview of the rulemaking process. To learn more about the rulemaking process and view related frequently asked questions, visit Reginfo.gov.
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**Step 1:** Applicant

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**Step 2:** Applicant

- **Activity:** Design Patent (ornamental characteristics)
  - **Decision:**
    - No
    - What type of Application are you filing?
      - Plant Patent (new variety of asexually produced plant)
      - Utility Patent (most common) (useful process, machine, article of manufacture, composition of matter)

**Step 3:** Applicant

- **Activity:** Determine Filing Strategy
  - **Decision:**
    - Yes: File Globally?
      - Yes: Need international protection?
        - Yes: File in U.S.? (end)
        - No: Which type of Utility Patent Application to file?
          - Provisional or Nonprovisional
      - No: Consider expedited examination
        - Prioritized Examination
        - Accelerated Examination Program
        - First Action Interview
        - Patents Prosecution Highway
    - No: File in U.S.? (end)
Ethics of Virtual Practice in South Carolina Lawyer

The March issue of the South Carolina Lawyer features an article I co-wrote with Courtney Kennaday entitled “Ethics of Virtual Law Practice.” The full version of the issue is accessible online.

Factors Determining “Reasonableness”

The ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20 published its revised draft resolutions for comment regarding Technology and Confidentiality at the end of last month. Under Comment [16] to Rule 1.6 “Confidentiality of Information”, the revised draft contains a list of factors that determine whether the lawyer has made reasonable efforts to prevent “unauthorized access to, or the inadvertent or unauthorized disclosure of, confidential information.”
QUI TAM

DEFINITION

In a *qui tam* action, a private party called a relator brings an action on the government's behalf. The government, not the relator, is considered the real plaintiff. If the government succeeds, the relator receives a share of the award. Also called a popular action.

For example, the federal False Claims Act authorizes *qui tam* actions against parties who have defrauded the federal government. 31 U.S.C. § 3279 et seq. If successful, a relator in a False Claims Act *qui tam* action may receive up to 30% of the government's award.

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