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Cases to Note



Judge: Stop Wearing Pajamas to Court

Male Supreme Court litigators are required to wear a coat and a tie when they attend oral arguments. Female lawyers must be dressed in comparable attire. The high court's online visitor's guide suggests a "suit, dress, or dress slacks with matching jacket." Hats and furs aren't permitted regardless of gender. Magisterial District Judge Craig Long of Columbia County, Pa., isn't so strict. A sign he posted outside his courtroom asks

visitors who appear before him to follow a simple dress code: No pajamas.

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New Maryland Appellate Decision is a Cautionary Tale to Property Insurers and their Attorneys

Maryland's Court of Special Appeals issued an opinion in *Cumberland Insurance Group v. Delmarva Power*, ___ Md. App. ___, No. 72, Sept. Term 2015 (February 1, 2016), which should serve as a cautionary tale to property insurers in Maryland and their attorneys. The opinion affirms a trial court's entry of summary judgment in the defendants favor, because the insurer caused key evidence to be destroyed, or, at least substantially facilitated its destruction.

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Texting and driving - House panel backs expanding

ban on texting while driving

A legislative panel on Monday approved a bill to expand Virginia's law against texting while driving to include other distracting activities, such as reading social media postings. Subcommittee No. 1 of the House Transportation Committee voted 6-1 in favor of House Bill 461, which would make it illegal for a driver to "manually select multiple icons or enter multiple letters" on a cellphone or other handheld personal communication device.

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Sincerely,

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