



FULL DISCLOSURE

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Hello to all my friends, and clients! Garvey Biggers Law Firm is going 21st century before 2020. every month, my best friends, and clients will be sent a Garvey's Grapevine with interesting legal points. Included will be: Personal Injury news and Water Issues, as many of you know I practice Personal Injury Law and sit on the Salt River Project Power and Water Councils. What I find interesting may be of interest -or not- to each of you. Let me know what you find important and perhaps I can include it in the NEW Garvey's Grapevine. We debated on the name since my Tomato Farming lent itself to the Tomato Vine but we stayed with Grapevine as a news-y kind of report.



On the legal side, we continue to be exclusively Personal Injury; Auto Collision; Premises Liability; Product Liability; Fires, Explosions; Gun shootings and Trucking Accidents. Many people get hurt on the job. We do not do Workers Compensation claims but we do "third party" claims where someone other than an employer or co-employee has caused your injury while at work.

On the water and power fronts, keep an eye on the outstanding job SRP is doing to lead the way on ensuring a reliable water supply as well as holding down the cost of electricity to your home and business.

New Laws 2019

The year is new and so with it comes a slew of new regulations both federal and state. Tax season is upon us and one of the many new changes involves alimony tax for those who get divorced. The new regulations will affect alimony



payments. Alimony paid will no longer be tax deductible and vice versa, alimony received will no longer be considered taxable income.

In addition, the 2018 Farm Bill removes hemp from the Controlled Substances Act, which means hemp and hemp products, including CBD, can be legally transported across state lines.

Patients are cut a break this year from those surprise hospital bills. Under the new law, patients can dispute the bill through the Department of Insurance, if they receive an unexpected bill after receiving treatment at an in-network hospital, but with an out-of-network specialist.

Here in the Valley new MVD laws increase vehicle registrations to \$32. This will go alongside the .50 cent increase to the minimum wage to \$11 per hour. These new increases will go towards teacher pay, and teacher income along with recess for kids k-5th grade will get more fresh air and exercise. Arizona will require public schools to provide at least two recess periods per day.

Read More at:

<http://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/arizona-news/new-arizona-state-laws-for-2019>

<https://www.signalsaz.com/articles/new-arizona-laws-in-2019/>

https://www.azfamily.com/news/these-new-arizona-laws-go-into-effect-in/article_c202f8e4-0dbf-11e9-a1fc-9f083a0bcf09.html

Water & Power

The Colorado River is severely threatened and water levels are dropping low fast! Arizona's drought plan will spread the pain to all those living in urban and rural locations in the state. The cuts are needed to prevent the water level at Lake Mead from falling below drastic levels.



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