

IMPORTANT CASES THIS WEEK



Arellano v. McDonough



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Service-related disability compensation.



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Arrellano served in the US Navy for four years. Almost thirty years after he was discharged, Arellano filed for disability benefits and argued that those

benefits should be applied retroactively because his mental illness prevented him from applying earlier and collecting those benefits from the time he was discharged. The Court ultimately ruled that the effective date of an award of service-related disability compensation to a veteran of the US military is not subject to equitable tolling. Read the full decision [here](#).

Int'l Shoe Co. v. Washington

Defining personal jurisdiction.

A company based in Missouri had a team of commissioned salesmen working in Washington, but refused to pay taxes to Washington because the company was not based or "situated" in that state. The Court came up with the Shoe Test that defined personal jurisdiction. According to the shoe test, personal jurisdiction is a state court's ability to haul out-of-state defendants in to face a lawsuit. A defendant needs to be subject to "minimum contacts" within the state, such that the exercise of jurisdiction "will not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice." Read the full decision [here](#).



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Palsgraf v. Long Island Rail

The burden of responsibility.

While riding the train, Palsgraf was unintentionally hit by fireworks accidentally set off by railroad employees. When Palsgraf sued Long Island Rail, the New York Supreme Court ruled against her and held that in order to be held responsible, the company or employees must be the "proximate cause" of the event/issue in question. Read the full decision [here](#).



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Involvement Fair

WHEN?

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 FROM 11AM-2PM

WHERE?

ALUMNI PARK ALONG TROUSDALE AVENUE

WHAT?

**A CHANCE TO TALK WITH MOOT COURT MEMBERS,
ASK QUESTIONS, AND JOIN OUR TEAM THIS SPRING!**

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LOVE TO ADVOCATE, OR JUST WANT TO
HONE YOUR WRITING, COMMUNICATION,
LOGICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC SPEAKING
SKILLS- COME CHECK US OUT!**

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