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CAOC Legislation—2010

AB 2486 (Assembly Member Feuer) SOCIAL HOST IMMUNITY

Status: *SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR*

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Co-sponsor: Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

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This bill was introduced after a tragedy in Northern California in which a teenager died at a house party where the parents allegedly provided the alcohol. This bill changes the current absolute immunity for social hosts so that it would not apply to adults who knowingly provide alcohol to minors in the home.

SB 1237 (Senator Padilla) RADIATION REPORTING

Status: *SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR*

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The cumulative effect of medical radiation is a very serious and dangerous problem, as is severe over-radiation. Recent news reports revealed that more than 330 patients at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and several other Los Angeles hospitals received excess radiation while undergoing CT brain perfusions scans. This bill would increase patient safety by implementing safeguards that would reduce the risk of over-radiation. SB 1237 requires the radiation dose to be recorded in a patient's radiology report, establishes a quality assurance program, and stages the notification of radiation deviations by informing the Department of Public Health and treating physician first, and ten days later to the affected patient.

AB 2284 (Assembly Member Evans) EXPEDITED JURY TRIALS

Status: *SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR*

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This bill authorizes a system of summary, one-day jury trials for small cases, modeled on a South Carolina program. Under the leadership of 2009 President Christine Spagnoli and 2010 President Christopher B. Dolan, CAOC worked with the Judicial Council and defense attorneys to reach a consensus of this exciting new program. This will help to hasten some of these small cases that have taken up to five years to resolve under the current system.

AB 1894 (Assembly Member Monning) PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES

Status: *SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR*

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CAOC worked with the California Defense Counsel and the Judicial Council of California to consolidate and improve Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6. This bill clarifies two conflicting time periods and makes 15 days applicable to all peremptory challenges, thus avoiding traps for litigants. The bill clarifies the law for practitioners by putting all applicable provisions in one code and aligns the law to the current practice of requiring filing and service of the motion on all parties.

AB 2059 (Assembly Member Chuck Calderon) SERVICE OF PROCESS ON RENTAL CAR COMPANIES

Status: *VETOED*

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This bill aids plaintiffs and their attorneys who need to serve defendants in other countries that caused injury while driving a rental car in California. It will require the rental car company in question to accept service rather than requiring the plaintiff to track down the out of country defendant.