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Theories of Liability & Common Defenses

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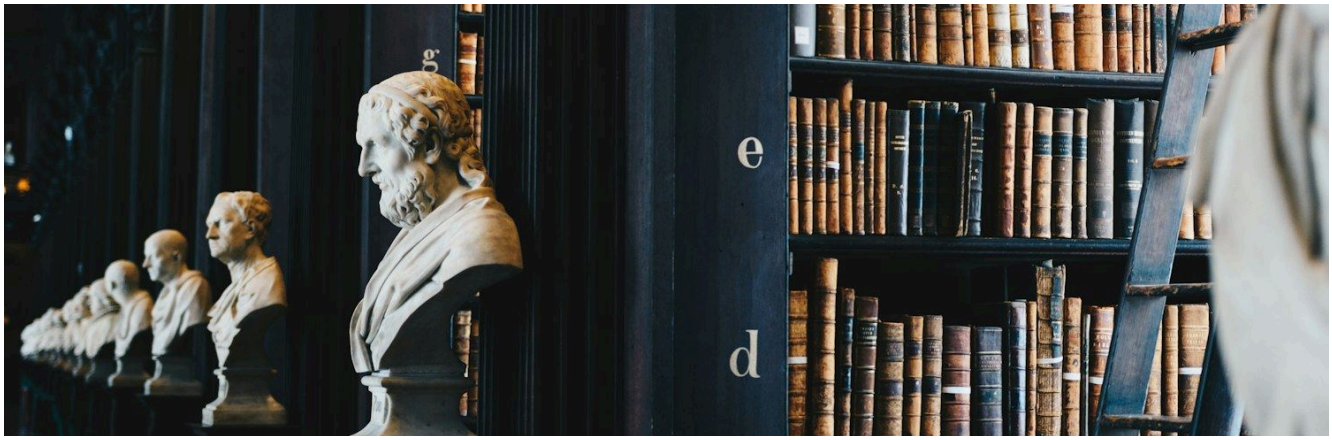

Plaintiff's Theories of Liability

- NegligenceCiv. Code § 1714(a)
- Negligence Per SeEvid. Code § 669
- Strict Products LiabilityGreenman v. Yuba Power (1963)
- Premises LiabilityRowland v. Christian; Gov. Code § 835
- Respondeat SuperiorCommon Law; Lab. Code § 3601
- Wrongful Death / SurvivalCCP §§ 377.60, 377.34

Common Defense Theories

- Comparative FaultLi v. Yellow Cab Co. (1975)
- Howell / Corenbaum Medical Bill CapHowell v. Hamilton Meats (2011)
- Primary Assumption of RiskKnight v. Jewett (1992)
- Government ImmunityGov. Code §§ 830.2, 830.4, 830.6
- Product Alteration / MisuseProducts Liability Defense
- Causation ChallengesGeneral & Specific Causation

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