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Hon'ble Supreme Court says that the standard of proof in Motor Accident Claim cases is one of preponderance of probabilities, rather than beyond reasonable doubt. **Anita Sharma V. New India Assurance & Co Ltd., 2020 SCC Online SC 1002.**

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Hon'ble Supreme Court interpreted the ingredients of the offence under Sec.153 A of IPC. Interpreting Sec.153A(b) of the IPC. The court held that the term 'public tranquility' must be read in a restricted sense synonymous with public order and safety and not normal law and order issued that do not endanger the public interest at large. **Amish Devgan V. Union of India, 2020 SCC Online SC 542.**

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Hon'ble Supreme Court says that acceptance of a gift can be inferred by the implied conduct of the donee. Such inference can be ascertained from the surrounding circumstances such as taking into possession the property by the donee or by being in the possession of the gift deed itself. **Daulat Singh (D) V. State of Rajasthan, Civil Appeal No. 5650 of 2010.**

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Hon'ble Supreme Court held that prior environmental clearance is not necessary at the stage of notification of land acquisition proceedings for the purpose of National Highway. It is not necessary for the Central Government or the National Highway Authority of India to apply for prior environmental/forest of planning or taking as in principle decision to formalize the project of constructing a new national highway manifested in notification under Sec.2(2), including until the stage of issuing notification under Sec.3 A of the National Highway Act. **Project Director, Project Implementation Unit V. P.V.Krishnamoorthy, 2020 SCC Online SC 1005.**

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Hon'ble Supreme Court held that it is not necessary that a suit involving the issue of cancellation of design under Sec.22(4) of the Design Act should be heard by High Court having commercial division. IT is held that a High Court without Original Civil Jurisdiction and a Commercial Division is competent to consider such a case. **SD containers, Indor V. M/s Mold Tek Packaging Ltd., 2020 SCC Online SC 979.**

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Hon'ble Supreme Court reiterated that Sec.79 of the RERA Act does not bar the Consumer fora from entertaining complaint on behalf of allottee. **Today Homes And Infrastructure Pvt Ltd V. Ajay Nagpal, Special Leave to Appela (C) No(S). 23386/2019.**

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Allahabad High Court held that a claimant widow, who is deprived of full pension of her husband he died in a motor accident because he died in a motor accident, is entitled to compensation under the head of loss of earnings. **Sabhadra Pandey V. Siddarth Agarwal & Ors., First Appeal Order No. 1237 of 2018.**

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Kerala High Court held that the Sexual Harrasment of women at workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 does not contemplate a situation of discrimination on the basis of sex if there is no express or implied sexual advance, sexual undertone or unwelcome behaviour which has a sexual tone behind it. **Dr.Prasad Pannian V. Central University of Kerala, W.P (C) No. 9219 of 2020.**

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Delhi High Court says that holding that Section 357(3) of CrPc for payment of compensation to victim is a mandatory provision, the Delhi High Court recently issued directions to the Trial Court to take steps to implement the same. The court held that the word “may” in Sec 357(3) Crpc mean “Shall” and therefore, Sec.357 CrPc is mandatory. **Karan V. State of NCT of Delhi, CRL.A. 352/2020.**

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Punjab and Haryana High Court says that only the family members or near relatives of the deceased person, against whom imputations have been made, can claim to be persons aggrieved to file defamation complaint under Sec.499 of Indian Penal code. **Raj Kumar Saini V. Sant Kanwar, CRM-M-30950 of 2019.**

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