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 interest. Given the controlling economic influence of the Buffalo Mining
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The claim of psychic impairment played a significant role in the legal proceedings besides simply making this the first case to cite the claim. It - ; ; ") & + \$. " * \$ - \$ + & 8 - 1 + \$ " . \$ 5 " 17(+ & * - 4; & \$ < 61(0(' & \$ + - 8 - 2&7\$ 4 / \$ 0, &\$ < ; - (10(.. 79\$ @ & 70\$ A(* 2(1(-; -) \$ " 1; / \$ - ; ; ") & + \$. " * \$ 8(1(8 - ; \$ < & * 7 " 1 - ; * & 5 " ' & * / \$ + - 8 - 2&7\$ 3\$ capping them at \$120,000. Citing psychic impairment allowed Stern to file suit against Pittston for \$64 million. As you can imagine this significantly 4 " " 70 & + \$ 0, &\$ 1 " 0 " * (& / \$ " . \$ 0, &\$ 5 - 7&3\$ 0, &\$ < " 0 & 10(-; \$ * & < - * - 0(" 17\$ 0, - 0\$ 0, &\$ survivors would be able to collect, and the influence the case would have " 1\$ * & 26; - 0(" 1\$) (0, (1\$ 0, &\$ 8(1(12\$(1 + 670 * / 9

X7\$ - \$ < * & U; -) \$ 706 + & 103\$ 70 " * (& 7\$; / # & \$ 0, (7\$ " 1 & \$ < * & 7 & 10\$ 8 & \$) (0, \$ - \$ 8 " * - ; \$ (776 & 9\$ Y 1\$ 0, &\$ " 1\$, - 1 + \$ (0\$ (7\$ & - 7 / \$ 0 " \$ 4 & 5 " 8 & \$) * - < < & + \$ 6 < \$ (1\$ 0, &\$ 16 8 4 & 7\$ and the significance of the case strictly from a legal standpoint. As someone who studies cases frequently, I often immediately put on my legal cap and ask questions such as: How can the survivors claim punitive damages? How can they sue Pittston instead of the Buffalo Mining Company? In + "(12\$ 0, - 03\$ 0\$. & & ; \$ - 7\$ 0, " 62, \$ 0\$; " 7 & \$ 7 " 8 & \$ " . \$ 0, &\$ * & - ; \$ 8 & - 1(12\$ " . \$ 0, (7\$ 5 - 7&3\$ - 7\$) &; ; - 7\$ 8 / \$ & 8 < - 0, / \$. " * \$ 0, &\$ < & " < ; & \$ 0, - 0\$) & * & \$ (1 ' " ; ' & + \$ (1\$ 0, (7\$ 0 * - 2(5\$ & ' & 109\$ 0\$; " 7 & \$ 7(2, 0\$ " . \$ 0, &\$ 70 * 622; & \$ 0, - 0\$ 0, &\$ ' (50(8 7\$. - 5 & + 9\$ L, & (* \$ 0 ") 1\$) - 7\$ 5 " 8 < ; & 0 & ; / \$ + & 70 * " / & + 2\$ 0, & / \$; " 70\$ 0, & (* \$, " 67 & 73\$ 0, & (* \$ C " 473\$ - 1 + \$; " ' & + \$ " 1 & 7\$ - ; ; \$) (0, " 60\$ - 1 / \$ 7 " * 0\$ " . \$) - * 1(129\$ [' & 1\$ 7 " 3\$ 0, (7\$ (1. " * 8 - 0(" 1\$ 2 & 07\$ < 67, & + \$ 0 " \$ 0, &\$ 4 - 5# \$ - 1 + \$ 0\$ < " 0 & 10(-; ; / \$ 0 * / \$ 0 " \$ + (75 * & + (0\$ 0, & 8 \$ " * \$ - * 26 & \$ - 2 - (170\$ 0, & (* \$

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