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• New section entitled “Abandonment of Right to Sue,” discussing the Supreme Court’s ruling that “voluntary cessation” of trademark enforcement destroys jurisdiction. See § 6.9.5.

• Supreme Court decision analyzing the Section 106(4) right to perform a copyrighted work publicly and Section 101 right to transmit a copyrighted work to the public. See § 4.2.2.

• Supreme Court case reviewing the parameters of 17 U. S. C. § 602 and interpreting the language “lawfully made under this title” in Section 109 of the Copyright Act. See § 4.8.
• A federal district court case analyzing whether the limitation of liability clause excluding consequential damages, contained in a contract for the purchase of software, failed of its essential purpose and whether the clause was unconscionable. See § 19.4.

• Federal district court cases describing the meaning of “merchant” under N.Y.U.C.C. § 2-201 and dealing with “course of dealing” with respect to conduct of the parties in other transactions. See §§ 11.2 and 11.2.2.3.

• Review of whether U.C.C. § 2-609 allows a party to request adequate assurance when “reasonable grounds for insecurity arise with respect to the performance.” See § 16.2.1.

• Discussion of the role of commercial standards in determining whether one meets the requirements of a “buyer in the ordinary course.” See § 15.3.

• Examination of whether a seller who resells the goods in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner can nevertheless opt for market price damages when it will lead to a higher damage award. See § 18.2.3.

• A California appellate court decision examining how far the warranty against a rightful claim of infringement extends. See § 13.2.2.

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