



## **FULL DISCLOSURE**

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Battle lines are being drawn by attorneys like myself against radiology companies using current standards for reading and interpreting MRI images. Recently a big radiology company allowed one of my client's set of films to be re-read, re-interpreted and re-written at the request of a defense medical examiner who was paid thousands of dollars by an insurance company. The goal was to minimize my client's lifelong injuries received in an auto accident. The original MRI films were read by a radiologist at the medical imaging facility indicating my client had four herniated discs. By the time the re-read occurred, the new report showed no herniation's and it was all degenerative disease. In other words, "pre-existing". Unfortunately for my client, he never consented to the re-read and was never informed that the buddy system of insurance companies and defense medical examiners was in play. The next move will be exciting to watch as we take on the crooked insurance industry and profiteers in health care that put self-serving interests ahead of patient care. Rumor has it that recent policy changes have occurred at this radiology company where trauma related injury films are no longer being read by certain radiologists who are not well liked by insurance companies and their "hired gun" orthopedic physicians to whom the radiology companies are beholden.



## ***If In An Accident...***

When in an auto accident always take an ambulance to the hospital if you want an examination and need care right away. When you take an ambulance you

come in the back door of the E.R. If you come in the front door, you may not be seen for hours. It could be up to a five hour wait in a room full of germs and sick people. An urgent care is OK, but at a minimum get checked out within 24 hours. Insurance companies are famous for claiming “you must not have been hurt” if you don’t get examined within the first 24 hours. Police officers frequently check the box for “no injury” when you say “no” to an ambulance.

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## ***Legal stories from the future..***

The Future is here and it’s coming up daily in the legal news feed.

**San Francisco proposal would ban government facial recognition.** The city would become the first in the nation to ban the government use of facial recognition technology. [Read More](#)

**We just got our groceries delivered by a robot.** Grocery delivery, with no human drivers. The nation’s largest grocery chain, Kroger, launched the program at one of the Fry’s in Scottsdale. [Read more...](#)

**The family of the woman killed by an Uber self-driving car last year has filed a \$10 million legal claim against the city of Tempe.** The lawsuit argues that the city created a dangerous situation by paving a median where the fatal crash occurred. [Read more...](#)

**Facebook's low-paid content moderators located in Phoenix,** who are often subjected to poor working conditions, suffer PTSD-like symptoms according to a new investigative [report by The Verge](#). [Read more...](#)

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## **Water Savers**

The Glendale community of Paseo Place has taken action towards water conservation. Earlier this month volunteers, HOA officers, and Glendale Water Services Department Staff gathered to announce they are now Glendale Efficiency Partners and have saved more than 1.3 million gallons. This was done through converting almost half an acre of land to water-wise xeriscape.



Many people in the Phoenix community are taking actions to become more water conscious. If you are seeking ways to reduce your water usage you could first begin with locating your meter. Your water meter is located near the curb in your front yard in a direct line with the main outside faucet. You can remove

the lid with a large screwdriver.

Here is a helpful way to find a water leak. Begin with turning all your water off inside and outside. Then check your water meter in the front yard. If a small red triangle is spinning, then that means water is passing through and you have a leak. Remember to check your outside water drip system to be sure there are no other issues.

Be sure to check with your city for where your responsibility begins when it comes to your water system. In some cities services and maintenance are covered by the city including your water meter. Once water exits the meter, it enters the customer's private property and area of responsibility.

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<https://glendaleaz.com/waterconservation/reduceyouruse.cfm>

## **Arizona Law Leaves Schools Struggling To Navigate LGBTQ Issues**

For the fourth year in a row, Arizona lawmakers appear unlikely to revise a law that limits how public school teachers can talk about LGBTQ relationships in health classes. [Read More.](#)

# Water & Power

### **Historic shift: APS says batteries are cheapest energy option, plans big investment.**

APS is planning several batteries on the power grid in Arizona. The energy market in the Southwest has hit a turning point, with battery prices falling so low that the technology is now the least expensive way to provide customers electricity, according to officials from Arizona Public Service Co. [\*\*Read More.\*\*](#)



**SRP releases water into normally dry Salt River as reservoirs fill from snow melt.** Salt River Project began releasing water from two reservoirs on the Verde River in recent days, sending water flowing into the normally dry Salt River bed in the Phoenix area. [\*\*Read More.\*\*](#)

**Snow from winter storms and rainfall bring a big boost to**

**Phoenix water supply.** Metro Phoenix's water supply got a much-needed boost after a major storm swept through Arizona Wednesday through Friday, adding to rain and snow accumulation from an increasingly wet winter. **Read More.**

**Talks to Buy Giant Arizona Coal Plant Break Down.** The Navajo Generating Station slid a bit closer to shutdown Feb. 28 when its majority owner said it had reached an impasse with the only interested bidder. **Read More.**

**'We don't see a path forward': Navajo coal plant negotiations hit big roadblock.** Negotiations for a Navajo Nation energy company [to take over the troubled coal plant near Page](#) have hit a major impasse over who could be responsible for the eventual cost of clean up. **Read More.**

**6 Things You Should Know About Energy Out West.** Late last month, as global leaders headed to Davos, Switzerland to discuss the ramifications of climate change (and a host of other “Globalization 4.0” topics) at the annual World Economic Forum, I too was mountain-bound for multiple days of intensive discussion. **Read More.**

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