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**DAVTIAN v. SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF OREGON**

Davtian argues the court erred in allowing evidence of the prior fire. For reasons discussed at the pretrial conference, the evidence of the prior fire was relevant to show the conspiracy and to show motive, plan, and lack of mistake under rule 404(b)(2)

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**STAR INSURANCE CO. v. SUNWEST METALS, INC**

Interesting case where insurance company satisfied its burden of proving that Defendants' statements were material misrepresentations and that the unintentional misrepresentations during the insurance application process were sufficient to justify rescission.

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**STATE V. JONES**

Criminal case challenging a conviction on the basis that there is insufficient evidence to support a conviction of arson and one of the fraud charges. The appeals court reviews the evidence offered and affirms the conviction.

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