

Chapter 1 : Buick Regal Problems, Defects & Complaints

** In keeping with the established reputation of this annual publication, it features the leading academic figures of our time including Joseph Raz, Peter Birks, Paul Craig, and Joseph Weiler.*

Please describe your career path and what drew you to public health law. While most of the city stood still, I noticed that public health workers worked around the clock to support the individuals and institutions around me. I wanted to contribute to that larger purpose, so I started by volunteering at Ground Zero with emergency responders. Then I assisted a health department with screenings in elder care settings in my free time, and eventually I joined the Peace Corps to work on basic health development in rural Senegal. The first one I got to know was Lainie Rutkow, the teaching assistant for my public health law course who lent me *In A Nutshell*, a book on becoming a lawyer. She talked to me about her career, work, and research interests. That path brought me to CDC in as an intern for Montrece Ransom, whose guidance and mentorship are two of the main reasons I am part of this field today. What is legal epidemiology, or legal epi, and how did you become interested in it? Legal epidemiology is the scientific study of law as a factor in the cause, distribution, and prevention of disease and injury. Legal epi allows us to understand what the law says, how it works in the jurisdiction or population in which it operates, and what its health consequences or outcomes are. About 6 months after that meeting, Scott Burris, professor of law and public health at Temple University and director of the Center for Public Health Law Research, came to Atlanta to talk about how to measure law and policy for scientific studies, and a light bulb went off. The proposal was funded in mid How is legal epi applied at CDC? From these efforts, CDC now applies legal epi to dozens of emerging topics of public health importance through comparative law studies, historical analyses, quantitative studies, and qualitative evaluations. With our partners at ChangeLab Solutions and Temple University, PHLP has coached health departments through guided trainings, practice-based tools, and topic-specific technical assistance to help frontline practitioners better understand, use, and improve on their own laws. We all have learned what it takes to use, incorporate, and institutionalize legal epi, and it is incredibly exciting to watch this field grow and take root across the nation. How can applying scientific methods to legal research improve public health outcomes? I think we are still learning the answer to this question, but public health practitioners are increasingly asked to provide evidence for laws that work well. For complex, emerging public health issues linked to social determinants of health, the role that law plays in addressing health outcomes is still poorly understood and characterized. Public health has relied on cases like *Jacobson v. Massachusetts* to justify decades of public health laws covering everything from tobacco and nutrition to intentional and unintentional injuries to antibiotic-resistant infections. Conceptually, we know that a lot happens between a law being passed and human behavior changing. If we systematically study the impact of a law on the administration of a public health initiative, downstream costs, enforcement activities, or even attitudes about an issue—and then link those effects to behavioral or organizational changes and health outcome data—we can fill in the picture of how the law helps to address a health problem. Rigorous, scientific studies that link different kinds of data, including legal data, can help us understand the relationships between these factors and how to craft the most effective laws to support public health. Do you have to be a lawyer to use legal epi? No, but it helps to have a lawyer on hand to find, read, and parse legal language, and apply it to public health issues. PHLP attorneys work daily with scientists, evaluators, policy analysts, communication professionals, and other practitioners to conduct and use legal epi studies to inform public health practice. We have found that these varied perspectives contribute to thorough, well-defined analyses and the translation and dissemination of findings to a wider audience. What is the LEC? As part of the Public Health Law Academy, the LEC hosts trainings, teaching tools, background research and papers, guidance documents, communities of practice, and other resources to bring new practitioners and emerging leaders into the fold. How was the LEC created? In , CDC formally funded development of legal epidemiology as a field through a cooperative agreement with ChangeLab Solutions. That funding has brought professionals across disciplines together to examine diverse legal and policy research agendas, develop standardized methods for analyzing and translating legal text, and

tailor resources to public health practice. Can anyone access and use the LEC? The LEC is a learning portal for anyone interested in legal research and translation that serves public health purposes. It is a free resource for public health practitioners, educators, researchers, and students—and anyone can access and use the website. How do you hope the LEC will improve public health practice? I hope it will expand our ability to work together to address social determinants of health and growing health disparities. I also hope it will help us fill needs and gaps in public health practice that are best achieved through law and policy. What is the most challenging part of legal epi? I think it is the amount of time it takes to complete a study. It is difficult for many resource-strapped public health practitioners to fit legal epi work into their busy workloads. That said, we are trying to make it an easier task. For one, we are learning through our other work with health departments about how to scope and streamline research so that it complements existing work and takes fewer resources to complete. We also have been thinking through how to tailor methods to be most accessible and how to produce guides specifically for those practitioners who need to create legal data easily and quickly—and translate it for different purposes. Finally, we are trying to increase the number of researchers and practitioners who know how to do this work and can collaborate across organizations or jurisdictions to share the burden. My goal is to give people access to the legal epi tools and community with the hope that they are better able to meet the challenges of public health practice. What other projects are you currently focused on? I am really excited about building a national community of practice around legal epidemiology in the coming year. Starting with the three cohorts of STLTs Legal Epi Project jurisdictions, I hope we can incorporate more voices from the field to achieve a better understanding of how legal epi informs practice. So much work in public health and public health law is reactive to new and urgent needs. Having the space to think about novel and strategic uses for legal data will hopefully allow us to plan solutions, and ways to communicate those solutions, to decision makers more effectively. What do you hope will come of this body of work? I hope that legal epi is more than an educational tool or even a way to promote collaboration across disciplines. I hope it will help us to tackle systemic problems of disparities and increase civic engagement on issues related to health. What advice would you give to other jurisdiction or individuals interested in undertaking a legal epi project? Check out the Legal Epi Center! Have you read any good books lately? Lately, less so, but one of those books I can always come back to for a laugh is *Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard* by Kiran Desai. The fabulous team at PHLP—hands down, they make coming to work a privilege and something I look forward to every week! Do you have any hobbies? I have a newborn daughter, who makes sure that my favorite hobby right now is napping! Thank you for taking the time to read about legal epidemiology!

Public Health Law News Quiz The first reader to correctly answer the quiz question will be featured in a mini public health law profile in the November edition of the News. Email your entry to PHLawProgram@cdc.gov.

Margaret Power September Question: Texas Employment organization and job title: At Dinsmore, I am a member of the healthcare practice group, where I provide counsel to healthcare providers of all sizes on transactional, regulatory, and compliance matters. I also help with our government relations practice and assist with litigation. The range of issues that I see is broad: Practicing in West Virginia, a largely rural state, I am very interested in issues of rural health. And as a public health school graduate, I am always eager to get my hands into public health law. As a healthcare attorney, I am bombarded with newsletters on traditional health law topics. This is the only update I receive on public health law court opinions, and it provides me with an opportunity to catch up on recent opinions. Why are you interested in public health law? As former HHS Assistant Secretary Karen DeSalvo recently reiterated, so many successes in reducing morbidity and mortality in the past decades were as attributable to legal interventions as they were to scientific findings. What is your favorite hobby? Cheering on my West Virginia Mountaineers! In a suit against the DC water authority for sewage in homes and remediation thereof, court held that plaintiffs did not satisfy the procedural requirement of the statute, which requires plaintiffs to provide notice to a list of entities prior to commencing a civil action, including each alleged violator and various enforcement authorities. United States District Court, S. Such compliance does not, however, require the plasma center to allow individuals with a disability to donate if those individuals would endanger themselves, cause harm to a staff member of CSL, or cause CSL to violate FDA regulations. United States District Court, M. In order to start to undo this

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any violations are suspected. The adverse consequences arising from an unlawful transaction can be substantial, including revocation or suspension of export or import privileges, debarment from government contracts, negative publicity, plus the expense and disruption of responding to a government investigation. Paying attention to compliance is a necessary step toward the success of your global expansion.

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Opinion Current Problems in the Media The burgeoning problems with the media have been documented in great detail by researchers, academicians and journalists themselves: High levels of inaccuracies Public confidence in the media, already low, continues to slip. According to an in-depth study by the American Society of Newspaper Editors in , 23 percent of the public find factual errors in the news stories of their daily paper at least once a week while more than a third of the public - 35 percent - see spelling or grammar mistakes in their newspaper more than once a week. The study also found that 73 percent of adults in America have become more skeptical about the accuracy of their news. The level of inaccuracy noticed is even higher when the public has first-hand knowledge of a news story. Almost 50 percent of the public reports having had first-hand knowledge of a news event at some time even though they were not personally part of the story. Of that group, only 51 percent said the facts in the story were reported accurately, with the remainder finding errors ranging from misinterpretations to actual errors. The Columbia Journalism Review and the nonprofit, nonpartisan research firm Public Agenda polled senior journalists nationwide in on various questions. **Sensationalism** There is tendency for the press to play up and dwell on stories that are sensational - murders, car crashes, kidnappings, sex scandals and the like. In a study by the American Society of Newspaper Editors, eighty percent of the American public said they believe "journalists chase sensational stories because they think it will sell papers, not because they think it is important news. Mistakes regularly left uncorrected A poll by the Columbia Journalism Review and the nonprofit research firm Public Agenda of senior journalists nationwide found: Fully 70 percent of the respondents felt that most news organizations do a "poor" 20 percent or "fair" 50 percent job of informing the public about errors in their reporting. Barely a quarter called it "good. Almost four in ten of those people interviewed feel sure many factual errors are never corrected because reporters and editors are eager to hide their mistakes. More than half think most news organizations lack proper internal guidelines for making corrections. A majority 52 percent thinks the media needs to give corrections more prominent display. Over 40 percent said their news organization does not even have a person designated to review and assess requests for corrections. **Poor coverage of important issues** While the media is busy covering sensationalist stories, issues that affect our lives and the whole world receive little attention. **The Environment** A study by the Center for Media and Public Affairs found the number of stories about the environment on the network news went from in and in to only in and in At the same time, the number of stories about entertainment soared from in and 95 in , to stories in , and in Meanwhile, getting environmental stories into print, or on the air, has never been more difficult. What difference does it make? The only countries to reach that target have been the Scandinavian countries. The US ranks at the very bottom with a pathetic 0. A sizeable amount of our aid is political in nature and does not go toward benefiting people in need. Even when private donations are included in the mix, our country still ranks at the bottom in total giving per capita. According to the World Health Organization about 28, people who die every day around the world could be saved easily with basic care. In all, last year 8. When Americans are asked what percentage of the GDP for international aid would be reasonable, the answers range from 1 percent to 5 percent. Similarly, when asked what percentage of the federal budget should go to foreign aid, Americans on average said 14 percent, and that in fact, they thought 20 percent was currently being allocated. The actual amount of our budget allocated is 1 percent. Yet the press rarely reports on any of the above – that we give so little, that we are avoiding what we agreed to, that Americans think giving at a higher level would be reasonable, that we think we are giving far more than we are, and that a huge number of deaths every day eight times the number that died in the attacks , are a direct result of not receiving basic care. When the press does report on foreign aid, the media often perpetuates the myth that we give substantially and in proportion to our means. **Education** Large numbers of Americans give low ratings to the media for school coverage. Educators and journalists

agreed. Nonprofit media organizations rate far higher on educating the public than for-profit entities. A seven-month series of polls by the Center for Policy Attitudes and Center for International and Security Studies at the University of Maryland found that Americans receiving their news from nonprofit organizations were far more likely to have accurate perceptions related to American foreign policy than those receiving their information from for-profit entities. The study also found the variations could not be explained as a result of differences in the demographic characteristics of each audience, because the variations were also found when comparing the demographic subgroups of each audience. For example, in three areas of information related to Iraq whether weapons of mass destruction had been found, if clear evidence had been found linking Iraq and al-Qaeda and if worldwide public opinion supported the war in Iraq, only 23 percent of those who received their information from PBS and NPR had an inaccurate perception, while 55 percent of those who received their information from CNN or NBC had an inaccurate perception, 61 percent for ABC, 71 percent for CBS and 80 percent for Fox. Similarly, on the specific question of whether the majority of the people in the world favored the U. Those receiving information from the other networks fell into a similar pattern as demonstrated in the example above: Fox at 69 percent, NBC at 56 percent and CNN at 54 percent - all with rates of misperception twice as high as the nonprofit media organizations. When the percentages of people misperceiving in each area were averaged, it was found that those receiving information from for-profit broadcast media outlets were nearly three times as likely to misperceive as those receiving from the nonprofit media organizations. Those receiving their information from Fox News showed the highest average rate of misperceptions -- 45 percent -- while those receiving their information from PBS and NPR showed the lowest - 11 percent. The study found similar patterns also existed within demographic groups, and that differences in demographics could not explain the variations in levels of misperception. For example, the average rate for all Republicans for the three key misperceptions was 43 percent. This same pattern occurred in polled Democrats and Independents. This pattern was observed at other educational levels as well. Here is an example from research done by Laura Haniford of the University of Michigan. She found that from to , The Ann Arbor News published 11 articles on the achievement gap in local schools; then suddenly, in , 92 achievement-gap articles appeared; then, gap coverage virtually disappeared again, plummeting to two articles in . What amazed her was that during that entire period the achievement gap remained substantial and virtually unchanged. The media does not cover itself. Of the roughly 1, daily newspapers in the U. What critical reporting exists, though at times is refreshingly good, it is for the most part timid and superficial. Every journalist surely also knows that the old-time standards Most of us in the business, however, stand by as mere observers. If this were happening in any other profession or power center in American life, the media would be all over the story, holding the offending institution up to a probing light. When law firms breach ethical canons, Wall Street brokerages cheat clients or managed-care companies deny crucial care to patients, we journalists consider it news and frequently put it on the front page. But when our own profession is the offender, we go soft. By failing to cover ourselves, we have made ourselves complacent, virtually assured that because we are not likely to be scrutinized by our peers, we are safe in our careless or abusive practices. In October, , for example, Gannett Co. In the same month, the E. As a loyal American, trained as a journalist some 45 years ago, I am convinced that journalists in the U. Do enough people care? Meanwhile, the push for corporate profit margins much higher than those of average American businesses goes on -- with 40 to percent in the electronic media and 12 to 45 percent in the print media common during . Gordon, a professor of news media and public policy at the Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington and formerly the dean of the school, in a Seattle Times column August 08, The American public agrees with Overholser and Gordon. In an in-depth by the American Society of Newspaper Editors, 59 percent of Americans said newspapers are concerned mainly with making profits rather than serving the public interest. Media outlets are investing less in the quality of what they do. According to the Project for Excellence in Journalism, there are 2, fewer reporters employed by newspapers in than there were in . The number of jobs lost is believed to have continued falling in . The Project for Excellence in Journalism said Internet news also experienced cutbacks: Our data suggest that news organizations have imposed more cutbacks in their Internet operations than in their old media, and where the investment has come is in technology for processing information, not people to gather it. Only 17 percent gave

the correct answer: Despite wide knowledge of the above polls and others similar to them, the media did little to correct the misperceptions and in fact, may have continued feeding them. In all, almost 50 percent of registered voters were able to recognize none or only one of the twelve candidate positions. Only 10 percent knew more than half of the policy positions about which they were asked. Those days are gone however. The gut decision that journalists have to make is whether they want to be regarded as professionals with honor or merely as pickup teams of scribblers and windbags. Since , two-thirds of independent newspaper owners and one-third of independent television owners have disappeared. The three largest newspaper publishers control 25 percent of daily newspaper circulation worldwide. While the Internet has become a valuable new source of information, the vast majority of Americans continue to rely on television, newspaper, and radio as their primary sources of news information.

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