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FOUR NEW LAWS MAKE OUR CIVIL SYSTEM MORE OPEN AND FAIR

A November 4, 2011, article written by Brian Kabateck, the founding partner of Kabateck Brown Kellner LLP, notes that Gov. Jerry Brown has signed four bills proposed by the Consumer Attorneys of California. Kabateck, the incoming president of the association, said the four bills will make the civil justice system more open and fair.

The bills include AB 621, which helps consumers bypass expensive and time-consuming obstacles to suing foreigner involved in rental car accidents in California. SB 850 would protect electronically-stored consumer health records, and AB 1403 would streamline the jury selection process. Finally, SB 384 clarifies the process for the payment of complex case fees.