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ARMENIAN GENOCIDE SUIT REVIVED BY COURT REVERSAL

The San Francisco Chronicle reported on Dec. 12 that a three member panel of the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals had reversed itself and found that there was no conflict between California state law and U.S. foreign policy in allowing victims' families from suing German insurance companies for claims arising from the Armenian Genocide. It was the first time a U.S. Court has labeled the atrocities by the Ottoman Empire as genocide. The crimes were committed from 1915 to 1923 and led to the deaths of 1.5 million Armenians. The plaintiffs in the case were represented by Brian Kabateck of Kabateck Brown Kellner in Los Angeles.