

You're the Judge

Capacity



For each of the following cases, circle Yes or No to indicate your decision. Then, in your own words, state the legal principle or legal reason that applies to the facts of the case. **Your reasons should be two sentences in length.**

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1. Pete Moss, a 17-year-old high school graduate, applied for a job with a local landscaping business. The manager of the business, Forrest Ranger, hired Pete and gave him a one-year employment contract. Nothing was said about Pete's age, but when Forrest discovered that he was only 17, he fired him on the spot. Did Forrest have a legal right to do this?

Yes or No?

Legal Principle:

2. Hal O'Three, a 14-year old, bought a video game at a store. A sign said: "No Returns – All Sales Final". After using the game for a week, he returned it to the store and asked for a refund. Is Hal legally entitled to a refund?

Yes or No?

Legal Principle:

3. Ivana Takitback bought a CD player on the day before her 18th birthday. Two days later, she changed her mind and sought to return it and get her money back. She claimed that she was still able to disaffirm the contract. Was she correct?

Yes or No?

Legal Principle:

4. Geri Attrick was 92 years old and suffered from severe senility. He wandered away from the Happy Hills Nursing Home where he lived, and walked to Biggaz TVs where he bought a 60" plasma TV. When the TV was delivered to Happy Hills, Geri couldn't remember ordering it and the nursing home refused the delivery. Can Biggaz TVs enforce the sale?

Yes or No?

Legal Principle:

5. On a whim, Oliver Sutton, who is 17, bought a tent trailer from Leisure Time Inc. When he pulled up to his house with the trailer, his parents weren't too happy. They told him to return it to the dealership and get his money back. Can he?

Yes or No?

Legal Principle:

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6. Chris P. Cream, an adult, entered into a contract to pay Bell E. Flopp, a minor, \$50 a week to clean his pool for the entire summer. The next day, Chris changed his mind and wanted to disaffirm the contract stating that either party could disaffirm when a minor signs a contract. Is he correct? Yes or No?

Legal Principle:

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7. Anita Bath is 16 and has a small business, Smell Ya Later. She sells Bea O'Problem, a 15-year old, a one-year subscription to Smell Ya Later's "Deodorant-of-the-Month Club". The deodorant is very necessary! Bea decides that she wants to cancel the subscription after only 1 month. Is she legally able to do so? Yes or No?

Legal Principle:

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8. Let's say that Bea decides to keep her subscription in #7 above. As a minor, could Anita choose to disaffirm the contract after a couple months? Yes or No?

Legal Principle:

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9. Scott Free is an 18 year-old high school senior in Cincinnati. His parents kick him out of the house and tell him he's on his own now. Can they legally do this? Yes or No?

Legal Principle:

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10. Scott's younger sister, Wanda B., doesn't like the way that her parents treat her brother (see #9 above). She is 17 and wants to become emancipated so she can move out of the house and live her own life. Can she go to court to do this? Yes or No?

Legal Principle:

Are there other ways that Wanda B. can become emancipated in Ohio? What are they?
