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July 18 roundup

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- Per New Jersey court, overly sedentary home office job can result in valid worker's comp claim [Courier-Post, NJLRA]
- Trial bar's AAJ denies it played "direct" role in backing "Hot Coffee" [WaPo, some background]
- "Cop repeatedly harasses waitresses, never disciplined. Feds defend their civil rights by . . . suing the restaurant." [Palm Beach Post via Radley Balko]
- On "unauthorized practice of law" as protective moat around profession's interests, Britain does things differently [Gillian Hadfield via Andrew Sullivan; related, Larry Ribstein] Forthcoming book by Robert Crandall et al urges lawyer deregulation [Brookings]
- "The Treaty Clause Doesn't Give Congress Unlimited Power" [Ilya Shapiro, Cato on Golan v. Holder case headed to Supreme Court]
- The small bank regulatory shakedown blues [Kevin Funnell] Why is the Department of Justice including gag orders as part of its enforcement decrees against banks on race and lending? [Investors Business Daily via PoL] "Emigrant fights back against mortgage-discrimination suits" [Fisher, Forbes] Dodd-Frank squeezing out community banks [Funnell]
- "North Carolina to Seize Speeding Cars That Fail to Pull Over" [<u>The Newspaper</u>] "With what, a tractor beam?" [James Taranto]