Tip of the Month

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Ascertain Deadlines in Addition to the Statute of Limitations

Lawyers should also be sensitive to the fact that certain claims have shorter limitations periods or notice requirements, sometimes based on the fact that the defendant is a governmental entity, such as a county hospital, a public library, an army base, or a municipal bus company, and sometimes based on contractual provisions for shorter statutes of limitations than are provided by statute. Often, claims against tribes or nations of Native Americans, which are sovereign entities, also have shorter periods of time within which to bring claims. When representing a plaintiff in a claim, pay careful attention to each potential defendant and determine whether that defendant might be subject to a shorter claims period than the usual statute of limitations would require.