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## **UTILITIES - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

### **Craft v. District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority**

**District of Columbia Court of Appeals - January 18, 2018 - A.3d - 2018 WL 460955**

Customer sought review of hearing officer's denial of customer's request for a refund from the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority for alleged overcharges made over a 40-year period related to a water line that served customer's lot and neighboring restaurant.

The Court of Appeals held that customer was not due a refund during the two years of the claim period that were not barred by the statute of limitations.

District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's customer was not due a refund for alleged overcharges during the two years of the 40-year claim period that were not barred by the statute of limitations, despite argument that customer was billed for a neighboring restaurant's water usage due to the existence of a single water line extending through customer's and restaurant's respective properties; Authority, as a courtesy, credited customer's account for all but two months of the two-year period at issue for the water used by the restaurant, and customer provided no water bills or other evidence that substantiated any claim to a refund for the two months not covered by the Authority's courtesy credit.