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On the cover: The tower of Michigan Law's Reading Room seen through a window of the renowned Law Library. The Legal Research Building is ranked 94th of 150 of America's best-loved architectural sites in a recent survey conducted for the American Institute of Architects. The survey put Michigan Law's treasured building, designed by the firm of York & Sawyer and built in the first half of the 20th century, on a list with gems like the National Cathedral, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, and Golden Gate Bridge. (Photo by Sam Hollenshead)

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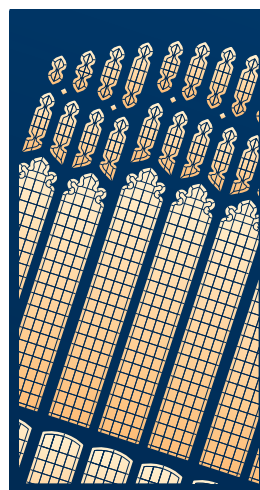
People in Japan sue despite low damages—and win—over some things that sound rather silly. The rules increase people's chances of winning, but even if they had a 100 percent chance of success, shouldn't they be able to get over it?

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During the last six years, there has been a slow but steady change in the process by which regulations are developed and issued—specifically, in the balance of authority between the federal regulatory agencies and the Office of Management and Budget.



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