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Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions for Week of January 21, 2013

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The statement of the issue or issues in each case set out below does not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#13-11 *In re Alonzo J.*, S206720. (C068046; 209 Cal.App.4th 1301; Sacramento County Superior Court; JV130980.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed orders in a juvenile wardship proceeding. This case presents the following issue: May a juvenile court accept a plea of no contest (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 5.778(e)) from a minor without the consent of the minor's counsel?

#13-12 *Alamo v. Practice Management Information Corp.*, S206925. (B230909; 210 Cal.App.4th 95; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BC416196.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment in a civil action. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *Harris v. City of Santa Monica*, S181004 (#10-46), which presents the following issue: Does the "mixed-motive" defense apply to employment discrimination claims under the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code, § 12900 et seq.)?

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