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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Summary of Cases Accepted During the Week of February 27, 2012**

*[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.]*

**#12-20 *In re Hernandez*, S198526.** (H036515; 200 Cal.App.4th 1507; Santa Clara County Superior Court; 158358.) Review on the court's own motion after the Court of Appeal reversed an order granting relief on a petition for writ of habeas corpus. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *In re Vicks*, S194129 (#11-86), which presents the following issue: Can Penal Code section 3041.5, as amended by the "Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law," which decreased the frequency of parole consideration hearings, be applied to life inmates convicted before the effective date of the amendments without violating the ex post facto clauses of the state and federal Constitutions?

### **DISPOSITIONS**

Review in the following cases was dismissed in light of *O'Neill v. Crane Co.* (2012) 53 Cal.4th 335:

**#10-12 *Merrill v. Leslie Controls, Inc.*, S178957.**

**#10-60 *Hall v. Warren Pumps LLC*, S181357.**

**#10-81 *Walton v. Williams Powell Company*, S183059.**

**#11-133 *Woodard v. Crane Co.*, S196969.**

The following case was transferred for reconsideration in light of *Harris v. Superior Court* (2011) 53 Cal.4th 170:

**#10-55 *Pellegrino v. Robert Half International, Inc.*, S180849.**

Review in the following case was dismissed in light of *Harris v. Superior Court* (2011) 53 Cal.4th 170:

**#11-51 *Hodge v. Aon Ins. Services*, S191415.**

The following case was transferred for reconsideration in light of *People v. Maultsby* (2012) 53 Cal.4th 296:

**#10-141 *People v. Vidales*, S187220.**

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