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Summary of Cases Accepted During the Week of March 22, 2010

[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.]

#10-35 Duncan v. Workers' Comp. Appeals Bd., S179194. (H034040; 179 Cal.App.4th 1009.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal annulled a decision of the Board. This case presents the following issue: When do cost-of-living adjustments under Labor Code section 4659, subdivision (c), for payments for total permanent disability and life pensions begin?

#10-36 People v. Jones, S179552. (C060376; nonpublished opinion; Sacramento County Superior Court; 08F04254.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal modified and affirmed a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. The court limited review to the following issue: Did the trial court properly impose concurrent sentences for being a felon in possession of a firearm (Pen. Code § 12021, subd. (a)(1)) and carrying a loaded, concealed firearm (Pen. Code § 12025, subd. (b)(6)) under the present circumstances? (See Pen. Code, § 654; People v. Harrison (1969) 1 Cal.App.3d 115, 121-122.)

#10-37 In re Ledbetter, S179932. (C060498; nonpublished opinion; Butte County Superior Court; 103365.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal modified and affirmed an order granting relief on a petition for writ of habeas corpus. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in In re Molina, S173260 (#09-38), and In re Prather, S172903 (#09-39), which present issues concerning judicial limitations on proceedings before the Board of Parole Hearings after a court determines that the Board abused its discretion in denying parole to an inmate.