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Summary of Cases Accepted During the Week of June 28, 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.]

#10-80 *People v. Maultsby*, S182042. (C060532; nonpublished opinion; Yolo County Superior Court; 08868.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal from a judgment of conviction of a criminal offense. The court limited review to the following issue: Was defendant required to obtain a certificate of probable cause to raise on appeal a claim that his admissions regarding prior conviction allegations were not knowingly and intelligently made, even though he was convicted by jury of the underlying offense? (See Pen. Code, § 1237.5; *People v. Fulton* (2009) 179 Cal.App.4th 1230.)

#10-81 *Walton v. Williams Powell Company*, S183059. (B208214; 183 Cal.App.4th 1470; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BC361382.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed the judgment in a civil action. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *O'Neil v. Crane Co.*, S177401 (#09-85), which presents the following issue: Can the manufacturer of valves and fittings installed on Navy ships, and designed to be used with asbestos packing, gaskets, and insulation, rely on the "component parts" defense or related theories to preclude strict liability for asbestosis injuries years later suffered by seamen on those ships?