# SUPREME COURT MINUTES FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

#### S265648

# **BROWN (JAMES HENRY) ON H.C.**

Order to show cause issued, returnable in Superior Court

Petitioner, filing in propria persona, alleges that he suffers from a particularly serious medical condition that would put him at heightened risk were he to contract COVID-19. Petitioner also alleges that respondent is taking insufficient precautions to protect inmates from COVID-19. In accordance with Evidence Code section 452, subdivisions (c) and (h), we take judicial notice of the recent surge in active cases of COVID-19 at the California Medical Facility, as reported by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. In light of these particular circumstances, and to expedite, rather than further delay judicial review, we direct as follows. The Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is ordered to show cause, returnable before the Solano County Superior Court, why petitioner is not entitled to some form of appropriate relief "'as the justice of the case may require.'" (In re Crow (1971) 4 Cal.3d 613, 619.) The return must be served and filed on or before February 16, 2021. This court recognizes the urgency of the present matter and remains concerned about the risks that the conditions of confinement in the California Medical Facility may pose for petitioner and the other inmates confined there. We direct the superior court to expedite the proceedings to ensure prompt and effective resolution of these time-sensitive issues. To that end, the parties or the superior court on its own motion may shorten time for any filings to further an expedient resolution.

Votes: Liu, Cuéllar, Kruger and Groban, JJ.

# S265900 C093016 Third Appellate District JOHNSON (RODWICK) ON H.C. Petition for review denied H.C.

## S262551B294024 Second Appellate District, Div. 5

# PEOPLE v. ESQUIVEL (RANDOLPH STEVEN)

Extension of time granted

On application of respondent and good cause appearing, it is ordered that the time to serve and file the answer brief on the merits is extended to February 22, 2021.

**S262032** B279738 Second Appellate District, Div. 5

#### GEISER (GREGORY) v. KUHNS (PETER)

Order filed

The application for relief from default filed by counsel for appellant to file the untimely opposition to respondent's judicial notice is hereby granted.

#### S266493

### BAR ADMISSION 2020 (OCTOBER EXAM)

General Bar admission order filed

The written motion #1502 of the Committee of Bar Examiners that the following named applicants, who have fulfilled the requirements for admission to practice law in the State of California, be admitted as attorneys at law in all courts of the State of California upon their taking the prescribed oath before a competent officer on or after January 15, 2021, and within the time limits specified by Title 4, Division 1 of the Rules of the State Bar of California, is hereby granted:

(SEE ATTACHED LIST OF NAMES)