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Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions During Week of June 5, 2017

The California Supreme Court has announced that no cases were accepted during the week of June 5, 2017.

STATUS

#17-44 *Briggs v. Brown*, S238309. The court requested the parties to file supplemental letter briefs addressing the following question: Whether the authorization of an appeal to the Court of Appeal from the decision of a superior court on an initial capital habeas corpus petition (Pen. Code, § 1509.1, subd. (a)) conflicts with the grant of appellate jurisdiction to this court “when judgment of death has been pronounced” (Cal. Const., art. VI, § 11, subd. (a); see *id.*, § 12, subd. (d)).

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The Supreme Court of California is the state’s highest court and its decisions are binding on all other California state courts. The court’s primary role is to decide matters of statewide importance and to maintain uniformity in the law throughout California by reviewing matters from the six districts of the California Courts of Appeal and the fifty-eight county superior courts (the trial courts). Among its other duties, the court also decides all capital appeals and related matters and reviews both attorney and judicial disciplinary matters.