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Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions for Week of November 17, 2014

[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.]

#14-133 *Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v. Superior Court*, S221038. (A140035; 228 Cal.App.4th 605; San Francisco County Superior Court; JCCP 4748.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal denied a petition for peremptory writ of mandate. This case presents the following issues: (1) Did the plaintiffs in this action who are not residents of California establish specific jurisdiction over their claims against the nonresident pharmaceutical drug manufacturer? (2) Does general jurisdiction exist in light of *Daimler AG v. Bauman* (2014) 571 U.S. ___ [134 S.Ct. 746, 187 L.Ed.2d 624]?

#14-134 *People v. Canizales*, S221958. (E054056; 229 Cal.App.4th 820; San Bernardino County Superior Court; FVA1001265.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed in part and reversed in part judgments of conviction of criminal offenses. This case presents the following issue: Was the jury properly instructed on the “kill zone” theory of attempted murder?

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