

**SUPREME COURT MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**S272166**      B313874 Second Appellate District, Div. 2      **JANE S.D. DOE v. S.C.  
(MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL  
DISTRICT)**

Rehearing denied

**S280773**      B320658 Second Appellate District, Div. 1      **BROWN (WANDA M.) v.  
CITY OF INGLEWOOD**

Petition for review granted; issues limited

The petition for review is granted.

The issue to be briefed and argued is limited to the following: Are elected officials employees for purposes of whistleblower protection under Labor Code section 1102.5, subdivision (b)?

Pending review, the opinion of the Court of Appeal, which is currently published at 92 Cal.App.5th 1256, may be cited, not only for its persuasive value, but also for the limited purpose of establishing the existence of a conflict in authority that would in turn allow trial courts to exercise discretion under *Auto Equity Sales, Inc. v. Superior Court* (1962) 57 Cal.2d 450, 456, to choose between sides of any such conflict. (See *Standing Order Exercising Authority Under California Rules of Court, Rule 8.1115(e)(3), Upon Grant of Review or Transfer of a Matter with an Underlying Published Court of Appeal Opinion*, Administrative Order 2021-04-21; Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.1115(e)(3) and corresponding Comment, par. 2.)

Votes: Guerrero, C. J., Corrigan, Liu, Kruger, Groban, Jenkins, and Evans, JJ.

**S281282**      E077553 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 2      **PEOPLE v. FLETCHER  
(LARRY LEE)**

Petition for review granted; issues limited

The petitions for review are granted.

The issues to be briefed and argued are limited to the following: (1) Does Assembly Bill No. 333 amend the requirements for a true finding on a prior strike conviction (Pen. Code, §§ 667, subs. (b)-(i) & 1170.12, subs. (a)-(d)) and a prior serious felony conviction (Pen. Code, § 667, subd. (a)), or is that determination made on “the date of that prior conviction”? (See Pen. Code, §§ 667, subd. (d)(1) & 1170.12, subd. (b)(1).) (2) Does Assembly Bill No. 333 (Stats. 2021, ch. 699), which modified the criminal street gang statute (Pen. Code, § 186.22), unconstitutionally amend Proposition 21 and Proposition 36, if applied to strike convictions and serious felony convictions? Pending review, the opinion of the Court of Appeal, which is currently published at 92 Cal.App.5th 1374, may be cited, not only for its persuasive value, but also for the limited purpose

of establishing the existence of a conflict in authority that would in turn allow trial courts to exercise discretion under *Auto Equity Sales, Inc. v. Superior Court* (1962) 57 Cal.2d 450, 456, to choose between sides of any such conflict. (See *Standing Order Exercising Authority Under California Rules of Court, Rule 8.1115(e)(3), Upon Grant of Review or Transfer of a Matter with an Underlying Published Court of Appeal Opinion*, Administrative Order 2021-04-21; Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.1115(e)(3) and corresponding Comment, par. 2.)

Votes: Guerrero, C. J., Corrigan, Liu, Kruger, Groban, Jenkins, and Evans, JJ.

**S280776**      E078721 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 2      **PEOPLE v. SCOTT (THOMAS RYAN)**

Petition for review granted; briefing deferred

The petition for review is granted. Further action in this matter is deferred pending consideration and disposition of a related issue in *People v. Fletcher*, S281282 (see Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.512(d)(2)), or pending further order of the court. Submission of additional briefing, pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 8.520, is deferred pending further order of the court.

Votes: Guerrero, C. J., Corrigan, Liu, Kruger, Groban, Jenkins, and Evans, JJ.

**S281027**      C094195 Third Appellate District      **PEOPLE v. FARIAS (JESSIE)**  
Petition for review granted; briefing deferred

The petition for review is granted. Further action in this matter is deferred pending consideration and disposition of a related issue in *People v. Fletcher*, S281282 (see Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.512(d)(2)), or pending further order of the court. Submission of additional briefing, pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 8.520, is deferred pending further order of the court.

Votes: Guerrero, C. J., Corrigan, Liu, Kruger, Groban, Jenkins, and Evans, JJ.

**S281228**      F083581 Fifth Appellate District      **PEOPLE v. PANTOJA (DANIEL)**

Petition for review granted; briefing deferred

The petition for review is granted. Further action in this matter is deferred pending consideration and disposition of a related issue in *People v. Emanuel*, S280551 (see Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.512(d)(2)), or pending further order of the court. Submission of additional briefing, pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 8.520, is deferred pending further order of the court.

Votes: Guerrero, C. J., Corrigan, Liu, Kruger, Groban, Jenkins, and Evans, JJ.

**S281447** E080389 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 2 **IN RE DELILA D.**  
Petition for review granted; briefing deferred

The petition for review is granted. Further action in this matter is deferred pending consideration and disposition of a related issue in *In re Ja.O.*, S280572 (see Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.512(d)(2)), or pending further order of the court. Submission of additional briefing, pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 8.520, is deferred pending further order of the court.

Votes: Guerrero, C. J., Corrigan, Liu, Kruger, Groban, Jenkins, and Evans, JJ.

**S281508** B320040 Second Appellate District, Div. 4 **PEOPLE v. JONES (MARCUS)**  
Petition for review granted; briefing deferred

The request for consideration of an additional issue in the petition for review is granted.

The petition for review is granted. Further action in this matter is deferred pending consideration and disposition of a related issue in *People v. Emanuel*, S280551 (see Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.512(d)(2)), or pending further order of the court. Submission of additional briefing, pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 8.520, is deferred pending further order of the court.

Votes: Guerrero, C. J., Corrigan, Liu, Kruger, Groban, Jenkins, and Evans, JJ.

**S281074** B329158 Second Appellate District, Div. 3 **NGUYEN (TAM STEVEN) ON H.C.**

Petition for review granted; transferred to Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Three, with directions to issue an order to show cause

The petition for review is granted. The matter is transferred to the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Three. That court is ordered to vacate its summary denial dated July 13, 2023, and is further ordered to issue an order to show cause, returnable before that court. The Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is to be ordered to show cause why the relief prayed for should not be granted. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.528(d).)

Votes: Guerrero, C. J., Corrigan, Liu, Kruger, Groban, Jenkins, and Evans, JJ.

**S281131** B320346 Second Appellate District, Div. 5 **GOMEZ (GILBERT) ON H.C.**  
Petition for review granted; transferred to Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Five, with directions to issue an order to show cause

The petition for review is granted. The matter is transferred to the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Five. That court is ordered to vacate its summary denial dated July 20, 2023, and is further ordered to issue an order to show cause, returnable before that court. The Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is to be ordered to show cause why the relief prayed for should not be granted. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.528(d).)

Votes: Guerrero, C. J., Corrigan, Liu, Kruger, Groban, Jenkins, and Evans, JJ.

**S280179****ROGERS (CHARLES A.) v.  
COURT OF APPEAL, FIFTH  
APPELLATE DISTRICT  
(CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS &  
REHABILITATION)**

Petition for writ of mandate/prohibition denied

**S280866** A168120 First Appellate District, Div. 5**BMW OF NORTH AMERICA,  
LLC v. S.C. (BACIGALUPI)**

Petition for review denied

**S281040** D079855/D079856/D079933  
Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1**KLEIDMAN (PETER) v.  
COURT OF APPEAL,  
SECOND APPELLATE  
DISTRICT**Petition for review & publication request(s) denied  
Guerrero, C. J., was recused and did not participate.**S281110** A167828 First Appellate District, Div. 3**WESSON, SR., (JAMES) v.  
WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION APPEALS  
BOARD & DEPARTMENT OF  
PAROLE**

Petition for review denied

**S281121** B319435 Second Appellate District, Div. 7**NEWELL (ROBERT H.) v.  
NEWSOM (GAVIN)**

Petitioner's motion to file the unredacted petition for review under seal, filed on August 31, 2023, is denied. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rules 2.250, 2.551, and 8.46.) Petitioner must notify the Clerk of this court within 10 days if the unredacted petition for review (lodged conditionally under seal on August 17, 2023) should be filed unsealed as part of the public record. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.46(d)(7).)

The petition for review is denied.

<b>S281145</b>	A164905 First Appellate District, Div. 3	<b>F. (A.), CONSERVATORSHIP OF</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281146</b>	G061915 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 3	<b>PEOPLE v. RAMIREZ (EDGAR)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281159</b>	B329649 Second Appellate District, Div. 5	<b>DEVOTO-WADE LLC v. S.C. (BEN MYERSON CANDY CO., INC.)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281166</b>	B317139 Second Appellate District, Div. 3	<b>VIEIRA (JODI) v. KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281171</b>	D082403 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1	<b>MAJESTIC ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC v. S.C. (THE COLONY AT CALIFORNIA OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281216</b>		<b>LOMAX (MATTIE TWYNETTE) v. SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281223</b>	C095879 Third Appellate District	<b>CAPITAL WHOLESALE LLC v. BUEHRING (AARON)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281231</b>	D079677 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1	<b>PEOPLE v. BLAKE (ALBERT LEE)</b>
Petition for review denied		

- S281251** D081396 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1 **IN RE D.P.**  
Petitions for review & depublication request(s) denied
- S281252** F084697 Fifth Appellate District **PEOPLE v. BRAZEAL  
(DEXTER DUPRI)**  
Petition for review denied
- S281272** B321069 Second Appellate District, Div. 7 **PEOPLE v. HOR (SOKHORN)**  
The petition for review is denied without prejudice to any relief to which defendant might be entitled after this court decides *People v. Kopp*, S257844.
- S281286** A166085 First Appellate District, Div. 3 **ELQARE ENTERPRISES,  
INC. v. RED WHALE, LLC**  
Petition for review denied
- S281307** B316450 Second Appellate District, Div. 4 **PEOPLE v. MOON (JEFF  
YOUNG SUK)**  
Petition for review denied
- S281339** C095599 Third Appellate District **PEOPLE v. VASQUEZ  
(JOSUE ADALBERTO  
COREA)**  
Petition for review denied
- S281385** G062915 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 3 **DUMBRAVA (SEBASTIAN)  
ON H.C.**  
Petition for review denied
- S281413** E077496 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 2 **CITRUS EL DORADO, LLC v.  
STEARNS BANK**  
Petition for review denied
- S281419** E080076 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 2 **PEOPLE v. S.C. (TAPIA)**  
Petition for review denied  
Guerrero, C. J., and Corrigan, J., were recused and did not participate.

<b>S281484</b>	B319745 Second Appellate District, Div. 2	<b>PEOPLE v. SERVIN (RUBEN)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281485</b>	B321031 Second Appellate District, Div. 2	<b>PEOPLE v. ARNOLD (ANTHONY)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281490</b>	B323794 Second Appellate District, Div. 6	<b>PEOPLE v. HODGES (ODELL D.)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281494</b>	D079669 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1	<b>PEOPLE v. YAMAMOTO (EARLE DANIEL)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281496</b>	B321459 Second Appellate District, Div. 6	<b>PEOPLE v. ANDRES (BERNARDO JOSEFIN)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281499</b>	H049979 Sixth Appellate District	<b>PEOPLE v. SANCHEZ (TERRY)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281500</b>	B330457 Second Appellate District, Div. 7	<b>WILLIAMS (BRIAN) v. S.C. (HODGE, SR.)</b>
Petition for review & application for stay denied		
<b>S281501</b>		<b>SOUTHERWARD (QUIOAN) v. COURT OF APPEAL, FOURTH APPELLATE DISTRICT, DIVISION ONE (PEOPLE)</b>
Petition for writ of mandate/prohibition denied		

**S281506** F083610 Fifth Appellate District

Petition for review denied

**PEOPLE v. GARAY (JULIO JAY)**

**S281514** B316310 Second Appellate District, Div. 3

Petition for review denied

**GOVRIN (YOSSI) v. CITY OF SANTA MONICA**

**S281520** E079659 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 2

Petition for review denied

**PEOPLE v. DOSTER (DAMIEN TEVES)**

**S281522** G061528 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 3

Petition for review denied

**WILLIS, JR., (RICKY ALLAN) & COSTA-WILLIS (SHAUNA), MARRIAGE OF**

**S281524** B317008 Second Appellate District, Div. 7

Petition for review denied

**PEOPLE v. RAMIREZ (JONATHAN ANDRES)**

**S281531** D080411 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1

Petition for review denied

**PEOPLE v. MARQUEZ (MAEREICHELLE VILLAMOR)**

**S281532** B321219 Second Appellate District, Div. 7

The motion to dismiss or deny the petition for review as untimely is denied.  
The petition for review is denied.

**SILAS (MARTINA A.) v. WEGMAN (BARRY R.)**

**S281533** A164840 First Appellate District, Div. 1

Petition for review denied

**PEOPLE v. SHAFFER (CHARLES LEROY)**



<b>S281534</b>	D080865 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1	<b>PEOPLE v. ALHIMIDI (KASSIM)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281535</b>	E081534 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 2	<b>HUBBARD (UMAR ABDUL-SHADEED) ON H.C.</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281538</b>	C096373 Third Appellate District	<b>PEOPLE v. FINDLAY (SANDER IAN)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281539</b>		<b>YACOUB (ANNETTA) &amp; DAWOUD (FREDDY), MARRIAGE OF</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281545</b>	B330500 Second Appellate District, Div. 3	<b>GALAZ (ALICIA) v. S.C. (PEOPLE)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281550</b>	G062934 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 3	<b>CABALLERO (HOWARD CAMACHO) v. S.C. (PEOPLE)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281552</b>	B325769 Second Appellate District, Div. 4	<b>ESTRADA (ERICA) v. S.C. (PEOPLE)</b>
Petition for review & application for stay denied		
<b>S281568</b>	B329281 Second Appellate District, Div. 8	<b>HAYMON (RHONDA) v. S.C. (PEOPLE)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281572</b>	B329720 Second Appellate District, Div. 8	<b>FERNANDEZ (JOHNNY) ON H.C.</b>
Petition for review denied		

<b>S281576</b>	A164035 First Appellate District, Div. 5	<b>PEOPLE v. CANTU (CARLOS)</b>
Petition for review denied		
<b>S281578</b>	E081921 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 2	<b>PRICE (LAVELLE) v. S.C. (PEOPLE)</b>
Petition for review & application for stay denied		
<b>S281585</b>	B315894 Second Appellate District, Div. 3	<b>ANDERSSON (CHARLENE) v. NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>
Petition for review & publication request(s) denied		
<b>S281677</b>	A168176 First Appellate District, Div. 2	<b>DUR AISAMY (NAGARAJAN) v. PULI (PRADEEP)</b>
Petition for review & application for stay denied		
<b>S281771</b>	B331015 Second Appellate District, Div. 4	<b>ASH (HIRAM) v. S.C. (JACOB SLEVKOV FMAILY TRUST 2009)</b>
The request for judicial notice is denied. The petition for review and application for stay are denied.		
<b>S281800</b>	F086624 Fifth Appellate District	<b>RIAZ (SAMREEN) v. S.C. (STATE OF CALIFORNIA)</b>
Petition for review & application for stay denied		
<b>S281819</b>	H051195 Sixth Appellate District	<b>LOZANO (MARIO ALBERTO) v. S.C. (PEOPLE)</b>
Petition for review & application for stay denied		
<b>S281951</b>	A168729 First Appellate District, Div. 5	<b>NORTON, SR., (QUINCY DEAN) v. S.C. (PEOPLE)</b>
Petition for review & application for stay denied		

**S276347****MARTIN (BRIAN DOUGLAS)  
ON H.C.**

The petition for writ of habeas corpus is denied as moot.  
Evans, J., was recused and did not participate.

**S279122****GARCIA (JOSEPH ALBERT)  
ON H.C.**

The petition for writ of habeas corpus is denied without prejudice to filing a new petition in this court following the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District's resolution of case F086393.

**S280070****BLACKWELL (RODNEY  
KARL) ON H.C.**

The petition for writ of habeas corpus is denied as moot.

**S280538****BAREFIELD, SR., (MICHAEL  
SCOTT) ON H.C.**

The petition for writ of habeas corpus is denied. (See Pen. Code, § 745, subd. (j)(3).)

**S280609****MARTINEZ, JR., (ALFONSO  
HENRY) ON H.C.**

Petition for writ of habeas corpus denied

**S280661****HUNT (RAYMOND) ON H.C.**

The petition for writ of habeas corpus is denied. (See *In re Robbins* (1998) 18 Cal.4th 770, 780 [courts will not entertain habeas corpus claims that are untimely]; *In re Clark* (1993) 5 Cal.4th 750, 767-769 [courts will not entertain habeas corpus claims that are successive].)

**S280814****ALVE (ALEJANDRO) ON  
H.C.**

Petition for writ of habeas corpus denied

**S280859****SCORZA (ERROL JOSEPH)  
ON H.C.**

The petition for writ of habeas corpus is denied. (See *In re Robbins* (1998) 18 Cal.4th 770, 780 [courts will not entertain habeas corpus claims that are untimely]; *In re Clark* (1993) 5 Cal.4th 750, 767-769 [courts will not entertain habeas corpus claims that are successive].)

**S280971****McGEE (HAWTHORNE) ON  
H.C.**

The petition for writ of habeas corpus is denied. (See *People v. Duvall* (1995) 9 Cal.4th 464, 474 [a petition for writ of habeas corpus must include copies of reasonably available documentary evidence]; *In re Swain* (1949) 34 Cal.2d 300, 304 [a petition for writ of habeas corpus must allege sufficient facts with particularity].)

**S280978****WILLARD (CHARLES  
ROBERT) ON H.C.**

The petition for writ of habeas corpus is denied. (See *In re Dixon* (1953) 41 Cal.2d 756, 759 [courts will not entertain habeas corpus claims that could have been, but were not, raised on appeal].)

**S280988****WATERS (MICHAEL LYNN)  
ON H.C.**

The petition for writ habeas corpus is denied. (See Pen. Code, § 745, subd. (j)(3).)

**S280997****CIOTTA (STEVEN) ON H.C.**

Petition for writ of habeas corpus denied

**S281015****VALDOVINOS (FELIX  
SOLORIO) ON H.C.**

Petition for writ of habeas corpus denied

**S280817**

B322839 Second Appellate District, Div. 7

**L'HEUREUX (STEPHEN) v.  
MILLER (FRANK)**

Publication request denied (case closed)

**S280821**

B313816 Second Appellate District, Div. 2

**FORAT (BEHZAD) v. CITY  
OF LOS ANGELES**

Publication request denied (case closed)

**S280843**

E081311 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 2

**SCHAEFER (JARROD  
VINCENT) v. S.C. (PEOPLE)**

Publication request denied (case closed)

**S280871** D080379 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1

**RIOJAS (MICHAEL) v.  
MARRIOTT RESORTS  
HOSPITALITY  
CORPORATION**

Publication request denied (case closed)

**S281549**

**MIDLAND FUNDING LLC v.  
CHEA (SOPHAT)**

Publication request denied (case closed)

**S281992** D080208/D081204 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1

**LNSU #1, LLC v. ALTA DEL  
MAR COASTAL  
COLLECTION COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION**

Time for ordering review extended on the court's own motion

The time for ordering review on the court's own motion is hereby extended to December 26, 2023. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.512(c).)

**S281324** B321066 Second Appellate District, Div. 8

**PEOPLE v. NAVARRO  
(FRANCISCO SANDOVAL)**

The time for granting or denying review in the above-entitled matter is hereby extended to November 3, 2023.

**S279137** A164021 First Appellate District, Div. 5

**STONE (TAMELIN) v.  
ALAMEDA HEALTH  
SYSTEM**

Extension of time granted

On application of respondent and good cause appearing, it is ordered that the time to serve and file the reply brief on the merits is extended to November 6, 2023.

**S279622** A163655 First Appellate District, Div. 4

**CASTELLANOS (HECTOR) v.  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
(PROTECT APP-BASED  
DRIVERS & SERVICES)**

Extension of time granted

On application of interveners and appellants and good cause appearing, it is ordered that the time to serve and file the answer brief on the merits is extended to December 11, 2023.

**S155617**

**PEOPLE v. SILVA  
(MAURICIO)**

Counsel appointment order filed

On the court's own motion, the order appointing Victor S. Haltom as appellate-only counsel of record for appellant Mauricio Silva, filed April 13, 2011, is hereby vacated.

Joseph Schlesinger, in his capacity as Executive Director of the California Appellate Project in San Francisco, is hereby appointed as interim appellate counsel of record for appellant Mauricio Silva.

Victor S. Haltom is hereby directed to deliver to Executive Director Schlesinger, within 60 days from the filing of this order, all appellate work product, trial files, and all other appellate materials that he has obtained from appellant Mauricio Silva or from his trial counsel or paralegals, or from any other source.

**S161399**

**PEOPLE v. MOLANO (CARL  
EDWARD)**

Withdrawal of counsel allowed by order

Good cause appearing, the application of Wesley A. Van Winkle, appointed habeas corpus/executive clemency counsel, to withdraw as counsel of record, filed August 28, 2023, is granted. The November 12, 2013, order appointing Van Winkle as habeas corpus/executive clemency counsel is hereby vacated.

On the court's own motion, Joseph Schlesinger, in his capacity as Executive Director of the California Appellate Project in San Francisco, is hereby appointed as interim habeas corpus/executive clemency counsel of record for Carl Edward Molano, including in the proceedings in the superior court related to *In re Carl Edward Molano*, S238372.

Wesley A. Van Winkle is directed to deliver to Executive Director Schlesinger, within 60 days from the filing of this order, all appellate and habeas corpus work product, trial files, and all other appellate and habeas corpus related materials that he has obtained from appellant Carl Edward Molano or from his trial counsel, experts, investigators, or paralegals, or from any other source.

**S171998****PEOPLE v. DELEON  
(SKYLAR PRECIOSA)**

Withdrawal of counsel allowed by order

Good cause appearing, the application of appointed appellate-only counsel for permission to withdraw as attorney of record for appellant Skylar Preciosa DeLeon, filed August 24, 2023, is granted.

The order appointing Wesley A. Van Winkle as appellate-only counsel of record for appellant Skylar Preciosa DeLeon, filed February 19, 2014, is hereby vacated.

On the court's own motion, Joseph Schlesinger, in his capacity as Executive Director of the California Appellate Project in San Francisco, is hereby appointed as interim appellate counsel of record for appellant Skylar Preciosa DeLeon.

Wesley A. Van Winkle is hereby directed to deliver to Executive Director Schlesinger, within 60 days from the filing of this order, all appellate work product, trial files, and all other appellate materials that he has obtained from appellant Skylar Preciosa DeLeon or from her trial counsel or paralegals, or from any other source.

**S182232****PEOPLE v. EVANS  
(CHRISTOPHER)**

Withdrawal of counsel allowed by order

Good cause appearing, the application of appointed appellate-only counsel for permission to withdraw as attorney of record for appellant Christopher Evans, filed August 23, 2023, is granted.

The order appointing Wesley A. Van Winkle as appellate-only counsel of record for appellant Christopher Evans, filed September 24, 2014, is hereby vacated.

On the court's own motion, Joseph Schlesinger, in his capacity as Executive Director of the California Appellate Project in San Francisco, is hereby appointed as interim appellate counsel of record for appellant Christopher Evans.

Wesley A. Van Winkle is hereby directed to deliver to Executive Director Schlesinger, within 60 days from the filing of this order, all appellate work product, trial files, and all other appellate materials that he has obtained from appellant Christopher Evans or from his trial counsel or paralegals, or from any other source.

**S204700****THOMAS (REGIS DEON) ON  
H.C.**

Order filed

This petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed on behalf of a capital inmate was pending in this court on October 25, 2017. Pursuant to Penal Code section 1509, subdivision (g), the petition is transferred to the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, along with the "Application for Leave to File Sealed Exhibits," filed on September 7, 2023. This court no longer retains jurisdiction over any aspect of this petition.

**S278481** A162709 First Appellate District, Div. 4

**JOHN'S GRILL, INC. v. THE  
HARTFORD FINANCIAL  
SERVICES GROUP, INC.**

Order filed

The application of appellants for permission to file the untimely answer brief on the merits is hereby granted.

**S281068**

Petition denied (accusation)

**ACCUSATION OF ALAWI**

**S281380**

Petition denied (accusation)

**ACCUSATION OF  
VALENTINE**

**S281382**

Petition denied (accusation)

**ACCUSATION OF  
VALENTINE**

**S281383**

Petition denied (accusation)

**ACCUSATION OF  
VALENTINE**

**S281168**

Recommended discipline imposed

**BILLER ON DISCIPLINE**

The court orders that DIMITRIOS PETER BILLER (Respondent), State Bar Number 142730, is suspended from the practice of law in California for one year, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for two years subject to the following conditions:

1. Respondent must comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Decision filed on March 4, 2022; and
2. At the expiration of the period of probation, if Respondent has complied with the terms of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

Respondent must provide to the State Bar's Office of Probation proof of taking and passing the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination as recommended by the Hearing Department in its Decision filed on March 4, 2022. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)



Costs are awarded to the State Bar in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.10 and are enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment, and may be collected by the State Bar through any means permitted by law.

**S281982****CONDON ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of MADISON ELIZABETH CONDON, State Bar Number 302730, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is Accepted.

**S281983****COOK ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of MELANIE KAY COOK, State Bar Number 85046, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S281984****GORHAM ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of KAREN ANN GORHAM, State Bar Number 151204, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S281985****KATZ ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of ARTHUR PAUL KATZ, State Bar Number 90624, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S281987****KEY ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of RODNEY JUNIOR KEY, State Bar Number 125308, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S281988****KNOWLES ON  
RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of KIM M. KNOWLES, State Bar Number 179477, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S281990****NELSON ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of LINDA FRANCES NELSON, State Bar Number 143403, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S281991****PACHECO ON  
RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of DAVID RICHARD PACHECO, State Bar Number 224876, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S281993****PEREZ ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of JESUS DOMINGUEZ PEREZ, State Bar Number 153222, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S281994****PRIEST ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of PAMELA JEAN PRIEST, State Bar Number 159108, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S281995****ROSENTHAL ON  
RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of RICHARD ALAN ROSENTHAL, State Bar Number 126954, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S281996**

**WOOD ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of ROBERT STEPHEN WOOD, State Bar Number 102170, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.