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## Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions During Week of October 20, 2025

[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.]

#25-310 Criminal Justice Legal Foundation v. Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, \$292887. (C100274; 113 Cal.App.5th 26; Sacramento County Superior Court; 34-2022-80003807-CU-WM-GDS.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal modified and affirmed the judgment in an action for writ of administrative mandate and other relief and remanded with directions. The court limited review to the following issue: Does Proposition 57 authorize the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to award and apply earned credits to advance indeterminately sentenced persons' minimum eligible parole dates?

#25-311 People v. Dixon, S292223. (B335987; 112 Cal.App.5th 236; Los Angeles County Superior Court; KA069348.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed a post-judgment order in a criminal matter and remanded for resentencing. This case presents the following issues: (1) May a superior court modify a death judgment under the recall and resentencing procedure in Penal Code section 1172.75? (2) Did the Court of Appeal err in holding that the exclusivity provision of Penal Code section 1509 precludes modification of a death judgment under Penal Code section 1172.75? (3) Did the superior court have jurisdiction to resentence defendant pursuant to Penal Code section 1172.75 when his appeal was pending before this court?

#25-312 *People v. Calleros*, **S292985.** (E083039; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; RIF1604043.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter and remanded for resentencing. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *People v. Espino*, S286987 (#24-209), which presents the following issue: Is a defendant entitled to resentencing under Penal Code section 1172.75 when the judgment in the defendant's

criminal case includes a prior-prison-term enhancement that was imposed but for which punishment was stricken?

**#25-313** *People v. Gutierrez*, **\$293060.** (A169777; nonpublished opinion; Contra Costa County Superior Court; 05001011972.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *In re Hernandez*, \$282186 (#23-261), which presents the following issue: Does the totality of the circumstances establish that defendant meaningfully understood the immigration consequences of her plea?

## **DISPOSITIONS**

Review in the following case, which was granted and held for *Hohenshelt v. Superior Court* (2025) 18 Cal.5th 310, was dismissed at the joint request of the parties:

#25-177 Yazdi v. San Diego County	(D083835; nonpublished opinion; San
Credit Union, S290233	Diego County Superior Court; 37-
	2021-00053145-CU-WT-CTL)

## **STATUS**

*People v. Bankston*, S044739. *People v. Barrera*, S103358. *People v. Chhuon and Pan*, S105403. The court directed the parties in these three automatic appeals to file supplemental briefs addressing the significance, if any, of Assembly Bill No. 1071 (Stats. 2025, ch. 721) to the issues presented.

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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.