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Summary of Cases Accepted During the Week of October 12, 2009

[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.]

#09-63 *People v. Anderson*, S175351. (D054740; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; RIF113459.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed in part and denied in part a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. This case presents the following issue: Was defendant entitled to a jury instruction, without a request, on accident as a defense to robbery, and, if so, was the court's failure to give the instruction prejudicial?

#09-64 *Ruiz v. Podolsky*, S175204. (C040843; 175 Cal.App.4th 227; Orange County Superior Court; 07CC08001.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order granting in part and denying in part a motion to compel arbitration. This case includes the following issue: Are the non-signatory adult heirs of a patient bound by a physician-patient arbitration agreement to arbitrate their own wrongful death claims?

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