

2019SC556 (1 HOUR)

Petitioner:

Shaun David Keller Lawrence,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

For the Petitioner:

Jessica A Pitts
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

For the Respondent:

Brittany Lynn Limes
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Administrators Assoc Inc:**

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Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2016CA1145
Docketed: July 25, 2019
At Issue: December 14, 2020

ISSUE(S):

Whether, in a securities fraud case where the key issue at trial is whether an investment is a security, an expert improperly testifies to the ultimate issue by opining on the law and applying the law to the facts to conclude that the investment was a security.

Whether an investment in a company, where the investor intends to be an active participant in decision-making and an employee of the company, is an 'investment contract' subject to securities laws.

Whether Petitioner, who is entitled to the ameliorative benefit of the amendments to the theft statute, should be entitled to the entry of a conviction for the degree of theft supported by the jury's verdict, or whether he should be subjected to a new theft trial.

2019SC975 (30 MINUTES)

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Karl Christopher Baker.

For the Petitioner:

Brittany Lynn Limes
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For the Respondent:

Rachel K Mercer
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2016CA1545
Docketed: December 17, 2019
At Issue: December 14, 2020

ISSUE(S):

Whether the Deputy Securities Commissioner's expert testimony that the defendant's misstatements and omissions were material was reversible error.

ORALS VACATED AND CONTINUED TO MARCH

2019SC249 (1 HOUR)

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Kerry Lee Cooper.

For the Petitioner:

Katharine Jackson Gillespie
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For the Respondent:

Tracy C Renner
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2015CA576
Docketed: April 4, 2019
At Issue: December 14, 2020

ISSUE(S):

[REFRAMED] Whether the court of appeals erred in concluding that blind expert testimony on domestic violence was inadmissible because the charged act was the first act of domestic violence in the relationship.

[REFRAMED] Whether the court of appeals erred in concluding that blind expert testimony on domestic violence must be limited to those facets of a subject that are specifically tied to the particular facts of the case.

Whether the court of appeals erred in finding that the admission of the expert testimony was not harmless.

ORALS VACATED AND CONTINUED TO MARCH

2019SC485 (30 MINUTES)

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Dylan Thomas Coons.

For the Petitioner:

William George Kozeliski
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For the Respondent:

Britta Kruse
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2015CA1922

Docketed: June 26, 2019

At Issue: December 14, 2020

ISSUE(S):

Whether the court of appeals erred in finding the entirety of a blind expert's testimony under CRE 702 must be limited to occurrences that are specifically tied to the particular facts of the case.

Whether the court of appeals erred in finding the admission of the expert testimony was not harmless.

2019SC986 (1 HOUR)

Petitioners:

State of Colorado, Department of Natural Resources and
Parks and Wildlife Commission and Division of Parks and
Wildlife,

v.

Respondent:

5 Star Feedlot Inc..

For the Petitioners:

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Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2018CA1131
Docketed: December 18, 2019
At Issue: December 14, 2020

ISSUE(S):

Whether proving a violation of the take statutes requires evidence of knowing conduct.

Whether proving a violation of the take statutes requires evidence of a voluntary act that is itself illegal.

2019SC933 (30 MINUTES)

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Alma Vidauri.

For the Petitioner:

Brenna Aislinn Brackett
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For the Respondent:

Samantha Taylor Ivy
Antony Mark Noble
THE NOBLE LAW FIRM LLC

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2018CA32
Docketed: December 3, 2019
At Issue: December 22, 2020

ISSUE(S):

Whether the court of appeals erred in concluding that to establish the value of theft where a defendant concealed information in order to be deemed eligible for medical assistance benefits, the prosecution must prove how much assistance the defendant would have received if she had been honest.

2019SC690 (ONE HOUR)

Petitioner/Cross-Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of

Respondent/Cross-Petitioner:

T. B..

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Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2016CA1289
Docketed: September 16, 2019
At Issue: November 30, 2020

ISSUE(S):

Whether lifetime sex offense registration for juveniles who have been adjudicated at least twice for unlawful sexual behavior constitutes punishment under the Eighth Amendment.

[REFRAMED] Whether mandatory lifetime sex-offender registration for multiple juvenile offenses is facially cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth Amendment.
