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Bail—Bail Jumping—Elements—Knowing Failure to Appear “As Required”—Knowledge of Specific Date of Required Appearance—Jury Instructions—To-Convict Instruction—Adequacy

Whether in this prosecution for bail jumping, a to-convict instruction stating that the jury had to find that the defendant failed to appear on a specific date after having been released “with knowledge of the requirement of a subsequent personal appearance before the court” adequately required the jury to find that the defendant had knowledge of the date he was required to appear, and if not, whether any error in the instruction was harmless beyond a reasonable doubt.

No. 99347-5, *State (petitioner) v. Bergstrom (respondent)*. (See also: [Criminal Law—Bail Jumping—Trial—Evidence—Sufficiency—Knowledge of Date of Required Appearance](#)).

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***Criminal Law—Attempted Child Rape—Affirmative Defenses—Entrapment—Instruction—Entitlement—Defendant’s Burden—Quantum of Supporting Evidence**

Whether, in a prosecution for attempted child rape stemming from an undercover police operation, the defendant was entitled to a jury instruction on the defense of entrapment on the basis “some substantial evidence” established a prima facie case of entrapment without having to show the evidence was sufficient to establish the elements of entrapment by a preponderance of the evidence.

No. 99452-8, *State (petitioner) v. Arbogast (respondent)*. (See also: [Criminal Law—Attempted Child Rape—Evidence—Entrapment—Lack of Predisposition—Absence of Prior Child Sex Crime Convictions—Admissibility](#)).

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***Criminal Law—Attempted Child Rape—Evidence—Entrapment—Lack of Predisposition—Absence of Prior Child Sex Crime Convictions—Admissibility**

Whether, in a prosecution for attempted child rape, the defendant was entitled to the admission of evidence that he had no prior child sex offense convictions for the purpose of proving the element of his entrapment defense that he lacked a predisposition to commit the charged offense.

No. 99452-8, *State (petitioner) v. Arbogast (respondent)*. (See also: [Criminal Law—Attempted Child Rape—Affirmative Defenses—Entrapment—Instruction—Entitlement—Defendant’s Burden—Quantum of Supporting Evidence](#)).

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Criminal Law—Automobiles—Driving Under the Influence—Marijuana—Proof—Per Se Violation—Blood THC Concentration—Police Power—Vagueness.

Whether the per se marijuana driving under the influence (DUI) statute, [RCW 46.61.502\(1\)\(b\)](#), under which a person is guilty of DUI if the person has a blood THC concentration of 5 ng/mL or higher within two hours of driving, is invalid as an unconstitutional exercise of the State’s police power or because the statute is vague.

No. 98896-0, *State (respondent) v. Fraser (petitioner)*.

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Criminal Law—Bail Jumping—Trial—Evidence—Sufficiency—Knowledge of Date of Required Appearance

Whether in this prosecution for three counts of bail jumping, the evidence as to one count was sufficient to support a finding that the defendant knew he was to appear on a specified date.

No. 99347-5, *State* (petitioner) *v.* *Bergstrom* (respondent). (See also: [Bail—Bail Jumping—Elements—Knowing Failure to Appear “As Required”—Knowledge of Specific Date of Required Appearance—Jury Instructions—To-Convict Instruction—Adequacy](#)).

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Criminal Law—First Degree Murder—Juvenile Offender—De Facto Life Sentence—Cruel Punishment

Whether a prison sentence of 736 months (61.3 years) imposed on an offender for two counts of first degree murder committed when he was 17 constitutes cruel punishment in violation of article I, section 14 of the Washington Constitution.

No. 97890-5, *State* (respondent) *v.* *Anderson* (petitioner).

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Criminal Law—Juvenile Offenders—Collection of Biological Samples—DNA Analysis—Deferred Felony Disposition—Statutory Requirement

Whether [RCW 43.43.754\(1\)\(a\)](#), which provides that a biological sample must be collected for DNA identification analysis from every “adult or juvenile individual convicted of a felony,” requires collection from a juvenile who has received a deferred felony disposition.

No. 99374-2, [State \(respondent\) v. M.Y.G. \(petitioner\)](#).

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Criminal Law—Obstruction of Justice—Obstructing Law Enforcement Officer—Home Entry—Willful Refusal to Allow Entry—Community Caretaking Function—Validity

Whether the State validly prosecuted a defendant for obstruction of justice when the defendant refused to open his residence to police seeking to make a warrantless entry based on a report of domestic violence.

No. 98622-3, [State \(respondent\) v. Jenkins \(petitioner\)](#).

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Criminal Law—Punishment—Sentence—Indeterminate Sentence Predating SHB 1457—Setting of Minimum Sentence Under SHB 1457—Validity—Ex Post Facto Law

Whether SHB 1457, Laws of 1989, chapter 259, under which the Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board was required to set minimum terms consistent with the Sentencing Reform Act for offenders serving indeterminate sentences, violates constitutional ex post facto principles on its face or as applied to an offender who was eligible for parole in 20 years under his original sentence but received a minimum term of 60 years under SHB 1457.

No. 98917-6, *In re Pers. Restraint of Gallegos* (petitioner).

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Criminal Law—Punishment—Sentence—Juvenile Offenders—*Houston-Sconiers* Case—Actual and Substantial Prejudice

Whether two defendants who were convicted and sentenced while juveniles in the adult criminal justice system were actually and substantially prejudiced at sentencing in light of the supreme court's retroactively applicable decision in *State v. Houston-Sconiers*, 188 Wn.2d 1, 391 P.3d 409 (2017), holding that in sentencing juveniles tried as adults the trial court has discretion to depart from the sentencing guidelines and mandatory sentence enhancements considering the mitigating circumstances of a defendant's youth.

No. 95217-5, *In re Pers. Restraint of Vincent* (petitioner).

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Criminal Law—Punishment—Sentence—Juvenile Offenders—*Miller v. Alabama—Miller-Fix—Indeterminate Sentence Review Board—Petition for Early Release—Factors*

Whether in this offender’s petition for early release pursuant to [RCW 9.94A.730](#) for crimes committed as a juvenile, the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board considered improper factors in denying release.

No. 98078-1, *In re Pers. Restraint of Dodge* (petitioner).

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Criminal Law—Trial—Misconduct of Prosecutor—Arguments to Jury—False Choice—Telling Jury to Decide Whether Witnesses Lied

Whether in this prosecution for sex offenses committed against a child, the prosecutor committed misconduct in arguing that the jury had to decide whether the complaining witness or the defense witnesses were lying.

No. 99396-3, *State (petitioner) v. Crossguns (respondent/cross-petitioner)*. (*See also*: [Criminal Law—Sex Offenses—Evidence—Prior Acts—Admissibility—Permissible Purpose—Lustful Disposition Toward Victim—Propriety](#)).

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Declaratory Judgment—Federal Enabling Act—State Constitution—Public Lands—Management Duty—Scope

Whether in this declaratory judgment action brought under article XVI, section 1 of the Washington Constitution, which provides that public lands are held in trust for “all the people,” the Commissioner of Public Lands and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources have the constitutional authority and obligation to manage the state’s federally-granted lands in a manner that is consistent with the best interest of all Washington citizens or exclusively in the best economic interest of select institutional beneficiaries.

No. 99183-9, *Conservation Nw., et al.* (appellants) v. *Comm’r of Pub. Lands, et al.* (respondents).

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Environment—State Environmental Policy Act—Environmental Assessment—Conversion of Fish Farming Operation from One Species to another—Consideration of “No Action” Alternative—Necessity

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No. 99263-1, *Wild Fish Conservancy, et al.* (petitioner) v. *Dep’t of Fish & Wildlife & Cooke Aquaculture Pacific, LLC*, (respondents).

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Labor and Employment—Labor Strike—National Labor Relations Act—Tort Claims—Property Destruction—Federal Preemption

Whether the National Labor Relations Act preempts a concrete company’s tort claims against a labor union for common law conversion, intentional interference with business contracts, and civil conspiracy based on the alleged intentional destruction of concrete by union-represented drivers who left their concrete-mixing trucks filled with wet concrete at the beginning of a strike.

No. 99319-0, *Glacier Nw., Inc. (respondent) v. Int’l Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 174 (petitioner)*. (See also: [Labor and Employment—Labor Strike—Tort Claims—Fraudulent Representation—Negligent Representation—Statement of Existing Fact—Intentional Interference with a Business Contract—Causation](#)).

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Labor and Employment—Labor Strike—Tort Claims—Fraudulent Representation—Negligent Representation—Statement of Existing Fact—Intentional Interference with a Business Contract—Causation

Whether in this tort action by a concrete company against a labor union based in part on the failure of concrete truck drivers to respond to a job dispatch immediately after a labor strike, a union representative’s statement that the “drivers have been instructed to respond to dispatch” was a statement of existing fact so as to support claims for fraudulent and negligent misrepresentation, and whether the company failed to establish that the statement caused the losses associated with the cancellation of a project so as to establish its claim for intentional interference with a business contract.

No. 99139-0, *Glacier Nw., Inc. (respondent) v. Int’l Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 174 (petitioner)*. (See also: [Labor and Employment—Labor Strike—National Labor Relations Act—Tort Claims—Property Destruction—Federal Preemption](#)).

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***Personal Injury—Parks and Recreation—Statutory Immunity—Elements—Latent Condition—Summary Judgment**

Whether in this action for personal injury arising from a bicyclist colliding with a recreational trail bollard, the county that owns and operates the trail system is entitled to dismissal of the suit based on recreational use immunity because the bollard is not a dangerous and latent condition as a matter of law on the basis it is a readily photographable safety feature, or whether there is a genuine issue of material fact as to whether it is a latent hazard because experts testified that the bollard was difficult to see at different times of day.

No. 99359-9, *Schwarz (respondent) v. King County (petitioner)*.

[14 Wn. App. 2d 915 \(2020\)](#).

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Statutes—Elections—Counties—Ballot Drop Boxes—State Reimbursement—Unfunded Mandate—Revision—Amendment by Reference—Prohibition

Whether in this declaratory action involving [RCW 29A.40.170\(2\)](#), which requires Washington counties to install, maintain, and operate a certain number of ballot drop boxes; [RCW 43.135.060](#), the “unfunded mandate” statute; [RCW 29A.04.410 through .430](#) and a recent related amendment concerning state reimbursement of election costs incurred by counties; and article II, section 37 of the Washington Constitution, which prohibits amending a statute by reference to its title; respondent counties are entitled to full reimbursement from the State for costs incurred in installing and maintaining the required election drop boxes.

No. 99230-4, *Wash. State Ass’n of Counties, et al. (respondents) v. State (appellant)*.

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Appeal and Error—Capacity or Right to Sue or Defend—Persons Entitled to Sue—Objection at Trial—Necessity

Whether a party's standing may be challenged for the first time on appeal.

No. 99071-9, *Williams* (petitioner) *v.* *Traffic Solutions, Inc.* (respondent). (Oral argument 5/13/21). (See also: [Courts—Remedies—Nature and Form—Class Action—Challenge to Claimed System-Wide Speed Zone Violation—Vacation of Traffic Infraction—Necessity](#))

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Automobiles—Automobile as Living Place—Impoundment—Fine—Excessiveness

Whether towing and impound fees and costs imposed on a person living in their illegally parked vehicle were excessive or otherwise unconstitutional.

No. 98824-2, *City of Seattle* (respondent/cross-petitioner) *v.* *Long* (petitioner/cross-respondent). (Oral argument 3/16/21). (See also: [Automobiles—Automobile as Living Place—Impoundment—Homestead Act—Applicability—Failure to File Declaration of Homestead—Effect](#)).

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Automobiles—Automobile as Living Place—Impoundment—Homestead Act—Applicability—Failure to File Declaration of Homestead—Effect

Whether the Homestead Act bars the city of Seattle from threatening a forced sale of an impounded vehicle if the owner was living in the vehicle but did not file a declaration that the vehicle was used as a homestead.

No. 98824-2, *City of Seattle (respondent/cross-petitioner) v. Long (petitioner/cross-respondent)*. (Oral argument 3/16/21). (See also: [Automobiles—Automobile as Living Place—Impoundment—Fine—Excessiveness](#)).

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Contracts—Breach—Construction Specifications—Jury Instructions

Contracts—Defense—Defective

Whether in a breach of contract action arising out of a large scale construction project with numerous alleged delays and defects, a jury instruction on the defense of defective specifications must state that the general contractor is not responsible to the owner for loss or damage that results *solely* from defective or insufficient plans or specifications.

No. 99119-7, *Lake Hills Invs., LLC (respondent) v. AP Rushforth Constr. Co., et al. (petitioner)*. (Oral argument 6/24/21).

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Courts—Remedies—Nature and Form—Class Action—Challenge to Claimed System-Wide Speed Zone Violation—Vacation of Traffic Infraction—Necessity

Whether a class action may be brought in superior court challenging a city’s speed limit zone claimed to be unlawful without individual plaintiffs first seeking to vacate their infraction judgments in municipal court.

No. 99071-9, *Williams (petitioner) v. Traffic Solutions, Inc. (respondent)*. (Oral argument 5/13/21). (See also: [Appeal and Error—Capacity or Right to Sue or Defend—Persons Entitled to Sue—Objection at Trial—Necessity](#)).

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Criminal—Misdemeanor—Complaint—Citizen Affidavit—Statute of Limitations **Complaint—Initiation—**

Whether the filing of an affidavit in support of a citizen’s misdemeanor complaint under CrRLJ 2.1(c) is sufficient to initiate a criminal action for purposes of the statute of limitations.

No. 98613-4, *In re Citizen Complaint by: Stout (petitioner) v. Felix (respondent)*. (Oral argument 3/9/21).

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Criminal Law—Burglary—Elements—Knowledge of Entering or Remaining Unlawfully

Whether in a prosecution for first degree burglary, which is committed when a person “with intent to commit a crime against a person or property therein, . . . enters or remains unlawfully in a building and . . . in entering or while in the building or in immediate flight therefrom, . . . (a) is armed with a deadly weapon, or (b) assaults any person,” [RCW 9A.52.020\(1\)](#), knowledge of the unlawfulness of entering or remaining is an essential element of the crime.

No. 99147-2, *State (respondent) v. Moreno (petitioner)*. (Oral argument 6/22/21).

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Criminal Law—Evidence—Search and Seizure—Consent Search of Cell Phone—Use of Text Messages in Subsequent Communication—Third Party

Whether in this controlled substance prosecution, police violated the defendant’s constitutional right to privacy in communications by sending text messages to him from a separate phone impersonating someone to whom the defendant had previously sold drugs, using information obtained with third party consent from another cell phone.

No. 99062-0, *State (petitioner/cross-respondent) v. Bowman (respondent/cross-petitioner)*. (Oral argument 5/20/21). (*See also*: [Criminal Law—Evidence—Search and Seizure—Consent Search of Cell Phone—Use of Text Messages in Subsequent Communication—Trespassory Invasion of Privacy](#), [Criminal Law—Legal Financial Obligations—Indigent Defendant—Community Custody Supervision Fees—Validity—Interest](#)).

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Criminal Law—Evidence—Search and Seizure—Consent Search of Cell Phone—Use of Text Messages in Subsequent Communication—Trespassory Invasion of Privacy

Whether police committed a “trespassory invasion” of privacy by sending unwanted texts to the defendant’s phone while impersonating someone else.

No. 99062-0, *State* (petitioner/cross-respondent) *v.* *Bowman* (respondent/cross-petitioner). (Oral argument 5/20/21). (See also: [Criminal Law—Evidence—Search and Seizure—Consent Search of Cell Phone—Use of Text Messages in Subsequent Communication—Third Party](#), [Criminal Law—Legal Financial Obligations—Indigent Defendant—Community Custody Supervision Fees—Validity—Interest](#)).

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Criminal Law—Legal Financial Obligations—Indigent Defendant—Community Custody Supervision Fees—Validity—Interest

Whether in this criminal prosecution the trial court improperly required the offender to pay community custody supervision fees though the court found the offender indigent, and whether the judgment and sentence improperly imposed interest on legal financial obligations.

No. 99062-0, *State* (petitioner/cross-respondent) *v.* *Bowman* (respondent/cross-petitioner). (Oral argument 5/20/21). (See also: [Evidence—Search and Seizure—Consent Search of Cell Phone—Use of Text Messages in Subsequent Communication—Third Party](#), [Criminal Law—Evidence—Search and Seizure—Consent Search of Cell Phone—Use of Text Messages in Subsequent Communication—Trespassory Invasion of Privacy](#)).

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Criminal Law—Plea of Guilty—Plea Bargaining—Breach by State—Duty of State—Implied Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing—Applicability

Whether in this criminal prosecution the State violated its duty of good faith and fair dealing in plea bargaining when it agreed to recommend a mid-standard-range sentence but included in its sentencing memorandum several facts that support an aggravated sentence.

No. 98864-1, *State (petitioner) v. Molnar (respondent)*. (Oral argument 6/10/21).

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Criminal Law—Punishment—Sentence—Presentence Confinement—Credit—Time Served Out of State

Whether in this Washington criminal prosecution the defendant was entitled to credit against his sentence for presentence time served in an Oregon jail while awaiting separate charges in that state, after being served with the arrest warrant for the Washington charges.

No. 99101-4, *State (respondent) v. Enriquez-Martinez (petitioner)*. (Oral argument 6/8/21).

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Criminal Law—Residential Burglary—Lesser Included Offense—First Degree Criminal Trespass—Jury Instructions—To-Convict Instruction—Instruction Defining “Knowledge”—Conflict—State’s Burden of Proof

Whether in this prosecution involving first degree criminal trespass as a lesser included offense, the jury instruction defining “knowledge,” which stated that the defendant need not know that a fact was defined by law as being unlawful, conflicted with the “to-convict” instruction on criminal trespass, which stated that the defendant had to know that entering or remaining in a building was unlawful, relieving the State of its burden to prove that the defendant knew he was entering or remaining unlawfully.

No. 99041-7, *State (respondent) v. Weaver (petitioner)*. (Oral argument 5/27/21).

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Criminal Law—Right to Counsel—Ineffective Assistance of Counsel—Strategy and Tactics—Evidence—Other Acts and Offenses—Hearsay Statements—Opinion on Guilt—Testimony that Witnesses Were Threatened—Failure to Object—Prejudice

Whether in this prosecution for maintaining a drug dwelling, possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, and possession of drug paraphernalia, defense counsel was prejudicially ineffective in failing to object to the admission of the defendant’s criminal history for similar crimes; in failing to object to hearsay testimony about the defendant’s prior bad acts and police officer opinion testimony about the defendant’s guilt; and in failing to object to testimony that witnesses were threatened for their participation in the case.

No. 98928-1, *State (respondent) v. Vazquez (petitioner)*. (Oral argument 3/11/21).

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***Criminal Law—Sex Offenses—Evidence—Prior Acts—Admissibility—Permissible Purpose—Lustful Disposition Toward Victim—Propriety**

Whether in this prosecution for sex offenses committed against a child, the trial court properly admitted evidence of instances of the defendant’s uncharged sexual conduct toward the child for the purpose of showing the defendant’s lustful disposition toward the child.

No. 99396-3, *State* (petitioner) *v.* *Crossguns* (respondent/cross-petitioner). (Oral argument 6/22/21). (See also: [Criminal Law—Trial—Misconduct of Prosecutor—Arguments to Jury—False Choice—Telling Jury to Decide Whether Witnesses Lied](#)).

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Declaratory Judgment—Common Interest Communities—Covenants—Corporations and Business Organizations—Business Judgment Rule—Applicability—Assessment Structure—Reasonableness

Whether in this declaratory action against a homeowners’ association involving fee assessments, the reasonableness of the association’s adoption of a particular assessment structure depends not only on the process employed and facts considered to reach that decision, but also on the substance of the decision, and whether the business judgment rule may be applied to limit the liability of a corporation such as the association.

No. 99138-3, *Surowiecki* (petitioner) *v.* *Hat Island Cmty. Ass’n., et al.* (respondents). (Oral argument 5/27/21).

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Employment—Safe Workplace—Employer of Temporary Worker—Duty of Referring Agency

Whether a temporary worker staffing agency may be cited under the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act for workplace safety violations that occur at a client work site.

99031-0, *Dep't of Labor & Indus. (petitioner) v. Tradesmen Int'l, LLD (respondent)*;

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99032-8, *Dep't of Labor & Indus. (petitioner) v. Laborworks Indus. Staffing Specialists (respondent)*. (Oral argument 5/25/21)

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Indians—Federal Treaties—Water Law—Water Rights and Management—Tribal Water Rights on Reservation—Diversion of Water to Particular Parcels

Whether, in these consolidated water rights cases, the trial court misinterpreted federal treaties and federal law in entering an order and schedule of rights restricting the number of acres on the Yakama Reservation that may be irrigated with water diverted from the Yakima River, or otherwise erred in restricting the affected parties' surface water use.

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