

# **Supreme Court 2011-12 Term in Haiku**

## **National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius (June 28, 2012)**

**On this all agree**

**The Anti Injunction Act**

**Does not bar challenge**

**Commerce Clause can't save**

**Individual mandate**

**But Taxing Clause does**

**Medicaid changes**

**States can't lose existing funds**

**New programs opt-out**

## **Kennedy, et al. dissenting**

**It's a penalty**

**You rewrote the statute, John**

**We'd throw it all out**

## **U.S. v. Alvarez (June 28, 2012)**

**Stolen Valor Act**

**Content-based speech restriction**

**Fails strict scrutiny**

## **Miller v. Alabama (June 25, 2012)**

**Killers at fourteen**

**Lifetime sentence, no parole**

**Cruel, unusual**

## **American Tradition Partnership v. Bullock (June 25, 2012)**

**Hey now, Montana!**

**See *Citizens United***

**One page reversal**

## **Arizona v. U.S. (June 25, 2012)**

**Immigration law**

**Status confirmation fine**

**Three other parts not**

## **Southern Union Co. v. U.S. (June 21, 2012)**

**Criminal sanctions**

**Facts determining amount**

**Question for jury**

## **Knox v. Service Employees Int'l Union (June 21, 2012)**

**“Agency shop” fees**

**Undisclosed special increase**

**Opt-in required**

## **Dorsey v. U.S. (June 21, 2012)**

**Crack cocaine dealer**

**Sentencing guideline changes**

**Cover pre-act sales**

## **F.C.C. v. Fox Television Stations, Inc. (June 21, 2012)**

**Stray f-bombs, bare skin**

**Broadcast indecency rules**

**Fair notice lacking**

## **Salazar v. Ramah Navajo Chapter (June 18, 2012)**

**Tribal contractors**

**Incur support costs for Tribe**

**Feds must pay in full**

## **Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis Indians v. Patchak (June 18, 2012)**

**Neighbor may challenge**

**Government purchase of land**

**For tribe casino**

## **Christopher v. Smith Kline Beecham Corp. (June 18, 2012)**

**Pharma “detailers”**

**Considered “outside salesmen”**

**No overtime due**

## **Williams v. Illinois (June 18, 2012)**

**DNA testing**

**Experts may speak of results**

**That others obtained**

## **Parker v. Matthews (June 11, 2012)**

**Sixth Circuit chided**

**“Flimsiest of rationales”**

**For habeas grant**

## **Elgin v. Department of the Treasury (June 11, 2012)**

**Fired Fed workers**

**Administrative review**

**No district court suit**

## **Armour v. Indianapolis (June 4, 2012)**

**Sewer improvements**

**No equal protection claim**

**Those who paid full fee**

## **Reichle v. Howards (June 4, 2012)**

**No fan of Cheney**

**Arresting agents immune**

**Free speech claim unclear**

## **Coleman v. Johnson (May 29, 2012)**

**Murder in alley**

**No habeas for lookout**

**Respect the jury**

## **Radlax Gateway Hotel, LLC v. Amalgamated Bank (May 29, 2012)**

**Bankruptcy cramdown**

**Must allow credit bidding**

**For plan approval**

## **Blueford v. Arkansas (May 24, 2012)**

**Foreperson's report**

**Does not count as acquittal**

**Retrial allowed**

## **Freeman v. Quicken Loans, Inc. (May 24, 2012)**

**Mortgage discount fees**

**No RESPA violation**

**Not split with others**

## **Holder v. Martinez Guitierrez (May 21, 2012)**

**Deportation law**

**Parent's time as resident**

**Doesn't help out child**

## **Taniguchi v. Kan Pacific Saipan, Ltd. (May 21, 2012)**

**Prevailing Party**

**Document translation costs**

**Can't be awarded**

## **Astrue v. Capato (May 21, 2012)**

**In vitro babies**

**No survivor benefits**

**Conceived post-mortem**

## **Hall v. U.S. (May 14, 2012)**

**Farm in bankruptcy**

**Capital gains tax from sale**

**Not dischargeable**

## **U.S. v. Home Concrete & Supply (Apr. 25, 2012)**

**Taxes underpaid**

**Property basis too high**

**Tax man has three years**

## **Wood v. Milyard (Apr. 24, 2012)**

**Timeliness issue**

**Appeals court raised on its own**

**Discretion abused**

## **Mohamad v. Palestinian Authority (Apr. 18, 2012)**

**Torture Victim claims**

**Against organizations?**

**No, just real people**

## **Kappos v. Hyatt (Apr. 18, 2012)**

**Patent applicant**

**May submit new evidence**

**In district court suit**

## **Caraco Pharmaceutical Labs. v. Novo Nordisk (Apr. 17, 2012)**

**Generic maker**

**May sue drug patent holder**

**To correct use code**

## **Filarsky v. Delia (Apr. 17, 2012)**

**Private attorney**

**Qualified Immunity**

**Working for City**

## **Rehberg v. Paulk (Apr. 2, 2012)**

**Complaining witness**

**Civil suit immunity**

**Grand jury statement**

## **Florence v. Board of Chosen Freeholders of County of Burlington (Apr. 2, 2012)**

**Minor offenders**

**May be subject to strip search**

**Before jail entry**



## **Vartelas v. Holder (Mar. 28, 2012)**

**Short visits to Greece**

**Old immigrant law applies**

**No U.S. “entry.”**

## **Setser v. U.S. (Mar. 28, 2012)**

**Federal sentence**

**May run consecutive to**

**Future state sentence**

## **FAA v. Cooper (Mar. 28, 2012)**

**HIV pilot**

**No mental damage award**

**Privacy Act claim**

## **Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC v. Simmonds (Mar. 26, 2012)**

**“Short-swing” profits suit**

**No limitations tolling**

**Except rare cases**

## **Zivotofsky v. Clinton (Mar. 26, 2012)**

**Birthplace on passport**

**Political question? No.**

**Courts may reach merits**

## **Lafler v. Cooper (Mar. 21, 2012)**

**Plea deal rejected**

**Counsel wrong about the law**

**State must reoffer**

## **Missouri v. Frye (Mar. 21, 2012)**

**Defendants' counsel**

**May have been ineffective**

**Plea deals not disclosed**

## **Sackett v. EPA (Mar. 21, 2012)**

**Homeowners near lake**

**Received EPA findings**

**Have APA claim**

## **Martinez v. Ryan (Mar. 20, 2012)**

**Habeas claimant**

**Ineffective counsel TWICE!**

**Fed. Court may hear claim**

## **Roberts v. Sea-Land Services (Mar. 20, 2012)**

**Injured dock worker**

**Gets twice the average wage**

**Year of injury**

# **Mayo Collaborative Servs. v. Prometheus Labs. (Mar. 20, 2012)**

**Disease treatment plan**

**Natural phenomena**

**Not patentable**

# **Coleman v. Court of Appeals of Maryland (Mar. 20, 2012)**

**FMLA case**

**Sovereign immunity**

**Self-care provision**

# **Martel v. Clair (Mar. 5, 2012)**

**On decision's eve**

**Second new counsel request**

**Habeas denied**

# **Kurns v. Railroad Friction Prods. Corp. (Feb. 29, 2012)**

**Railroad machinist**

**Asbestos-based state tort claim**

**U.S. law pre-empts**

## **PPL Montana v. Montana (Feb. 22, 2012)**

**Hydroelectric**

**Non-navigable river**

**No rent due to State**

## **Douglas v. Independent Living Ctr. of S. Cal. (Feb. 22, 2012)**

**State Medicaid cuts**

**Supremacy Clause Issue?**

**Let Ninth Circuit rule**

## **Messerschmidt v. Melender (Feb. 22, 2012)**

**Warrant sought gang stuff**

**Qualified immunity**

**Scope reasonable**

## **Marmet Health Care Center v. Brown (Feb. 21, 2012)**

**Arbitration clause**

**Signed pre-conduct, but covers**

**Torts by nursing home**

## **Wetzel v. Lambert (Feb. 21, 2012)**

**Evidence withheld**

**Ambiguous notations**

**Habeas denied**

## **Kawashima v. Holder (Feb. 21, 2012)**

**Immigration law**

**Aiding, abetting tax fraud**

**Deportable crime**

## **Howes v. Fields (Feb. 21, 2012)**

**Questioned in prison**

**Told he could return to cell**

**No *Miranda* need**

## **Reynolds v. U.S. (Jan. 23, 2012)**

**Registration rule**

**No pre-Act sex offenders**

**Unless A.G. says**

## **Ryburn v. Huff (Jan. 23, 2012)**

**School shooting rumor**

**Qualified immunity**

**Cops who entered house**

## **National Meat Association v. Harris (Jan. 23, 2012)**

**Pig slaughterhouses**

**Federal regulations**

**Preempt state statutes**

## **U.S. v. Jones (Jan. 23, 2012)**

**GPS on car**

**Cops installed and monitored**

**“Search” that needs warrant**

## **Perry v. Perez (Jan. 20, 2012)**

**New Texas districts**

**Legislature’s map should guide**

**Interim map scrapped**

## **Maples v. Thomas (Jan. 18, 2011)**

**Pro bono lawyers**

**Did not tell client they quit**

**Missed deadline excused**

## **Mims v. Arrow Financial, LLC (Jan. 18, 2012)**

**Robocaller suits**

**Can be brought in many courts**

**State or federal**

## **Golan v. Holder (Jan. 18, 2012)**

**Congress may expand**

**Copyright coverage to**

**Public domain works**

## **Perry v. New Hampshire (Jan. 11, 2012)**

**Car window smasher**

**Eyewitness identified**

**Not too suggestive**

## **Pacific Operators Offshore, LLP v. Valladolid (Jan. 11, 2012)**

**Driller killed onshore**

**OCSLA applies**

**Substantial nexus**

## **Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. EEOC (Jan. 11, 2012)**

**“Called” church school teacher**

**Time off for narcolepsy**

**Church could terminate**

## **Gonzalez v. Thaler (Jan. 10, 2012)**

**Habeas claimant**

**No highest state court appeal**

**Untimely request**

## **Minneci v. Pollard (Jan. 10, 2012)**

**Private prisoner**

**Has no Eighth Amendment case**

**Adequate state claim**

## **CompuCredit Corp. v. Greenwood (Jan. 10, 2012)**

**Arbitration clause**

**Credit repair company**

**Agreement enforced**

## **Smith v. Cain (Jan. 10, 2012)**

**First-degree murder**

**Eyewitness statements withheld**

**Conviction reversed**

## **Judulang v. Holder (Dec. 12, 2011)**

**B.I.A. standard**

**Arbitrary, capricious**

**Deportation stopped**

## **Hardy v. Cross (Dec. 12, 2011)**

**Confrontation Clause**

**Good faith effort made by State**

**To locate witness**



## **Greene v. Fisher (Nov. 8, 2011)**

**Habeas standard**

**Established federal law**

**Time of conviction**

## **Bobby v. Dixon (Nov. 7, 2011)**

***Miranda* delayed**

**Suspect urged to cut a deal**

**No habeas claim**

## **KPMG LLC v. Cocchi (Nov. 7, 2011)**

**Madoff fraud victims**

**Must arbitrate covered claims**

**Litigate others**

## **Cavazos v. Smith (Oct. 31, 2011)**

**Shaken baby case**

**Don't substitute court's judgment**

**For that of jury**

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