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IMMIGRATION LAW

Simarmata v. Holder, No. 13-1463

A petition for review of an order of the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) denying petitioner's untimely motion to reopen removal proceedings is denied, where the BIA did not abuse its discretion in denying petitioner's motion on the basis of changed country circumstances or in its assessment of the affidavit submitted by petitioner in support of his claim.

CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE, SENTENCING, EVIDENCE

US v. Paladin, No. 12-2098

Defendant's conviction and sentence on a series of drug charges are affirmed, where: 1) the district court correctly determined that evidence which defendant alleges the prosecution failed to disclose was immaterial; and 2) defendant's life sentence was made mandatory by the quantities of cocaine at issue and by virtue of this being defendant's third felony drug conviction, and his constitutional challenges to the sentence fail.