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Labor & Employment Law

Acevedo-Perez v. US, No. 12-2351

In this employment discrimination suit, summary judgment in favor of defendant-employer is affirmed, where: 1) plaintiff-employee did not present a Federal Torts Claims Act claim in his administrative complaint; and 2) all other claims were time-barred.

Criminal Law & Procedure, Habeas Corpus, Immigration Law

Castaneda v. Souza, No. 13-1994

In these consolidated habeas cases, petitioner-aliens challenge whether they are subject to the mandatory detention provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. section 1226(c). The district court's grant of habeas relief is affirmed, where because section 1226(c) only applies to aliens detained "when released" from criminal custody, and because the petitioners were not timely detained under any reasonable interpretation of the statute, the petitioners are not subject to mandatory detention under section 1226(c) and are entitled to an individual bail hearing under section 1226(a).

Criminal Law & Procedure, Evidence

US v. Ridolfi, No. 13-2127

Conviction of defendant for being a felon in possession of one or more firearms and for knowingly possessing one or more stolen firearms is affirmed, where the evidence firmly supports the jury's determinations.

ERISA, Labor & Employment Law

Tetreault v. Reliance Standard Life Ins., No. 13-2353

In this Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) case, dismissal of plaintiff-beneficiary's benefits challenge is affirmed, where the court need not excuse plaintiff's failure to comply with one of her benefits plan's claim procedures setting an appeals deadline because the written instrument in this case expressly incorporated a document that clearly set forth the appeals deadline.

Administrative Law, Government Law

Stalcup v. CIA, No. 13-2329

In this Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) suit brought against the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), plaintiff seeks two documents from an investigation into the TWA Flight

800 crash. Summary judgment in favor of defendant CIA is affirmed, where given the presence of a privacy interest and the complete absence of any public benefit, the balance between the two banks against release.