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US v. Laureano-Perez, No. 13-2224

Sentences and convictions of various narcotics possession, firearm and conspiracy charges arising out of defendants' participation in an illicit drug organization are: 1) affirmed as to all convictions and defendant Cumming's sentence over a host of errors during the pretrial and trial phases of the proceedings; but 2) vacated and remanded as to defendant Christopher's sentence and remanded so that the district court can impose an individual sentence on each count.

Civil Rights, Labor & Employment Law

Abril-Rivera v. Johnson, No. 14-1316

In a Title VII suit by employees of the now-closed Puerto Rico National Processing Service Center (PR-NPSA) run by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), alleging that FEMA's actions in implementing a rotational staffing plan at the PR-NPSC and in eventually closing the facility discriminated against them on the basis of their Puerto Rican national origin and constituted unlawful retaliation for protected conduct, the district court's grant of summary judgment to defendants is affirmed where defendants had legitimate, nondiscriminatory reasons for their actions and, with respect to the rotational staffing plan retaliation claim, that plaintiffs had not shown a causal link between their protected conduct and the purported retaliation.