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US v. Cruz-Rivera, 16-1321

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Criminal Law and Procedure

Affirmed convictions on federal carjacking and weapons counts. The defendant argued that his carjacking offense did not qualify as a crime of violence and thus could not serve as a predicate for the weapons counts. Finding no error, the First Circuit affirmed.

National Federation of the Blind v. Container Store, Inc., 16-2112

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Civil Rights, Dispute Resolution & Arbitration

Affirmed the denial of a retail chain's motion to compel arbitration of a proposed class action brought by blind customers. The retailer moved to compel arbitration of the discrimination lawsuit, citing an arbitration provision in the terms and conditions of a loyalty program of which the individual plaintiffs were members. However, the district court concluded that the arbitration provision was not enforceable here, and the First Circuit found no error in that ruling.