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# California Supreme Court Docket for Case #: S131798

### CALIFORNIANS FOR DISABILITY RIGHTS v. MERVYNS, LLC

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S132695, BIVENS v. COREL CORPORATION S133075, LYTWYN v. FRYS ELECTRONICS

S133938, THORNTON v. CAREER TRAINING CENTER S134073, SCHULZ v. NEOVI DATA CORPORATION

S135104, COHEN v. HEALTH NET

S135587, CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP v. KINTETSU ENTERPRISES S138751, SCHWARTZ v. VISA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

S140272, HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE v. S.C. (TURNER)

S140396, BIVENS v. GALLERY CORPORATION

S141766, YOUNG AMERICA CORPORATION v. S.C. (LYNCH)

Lower Court Cases: A106199

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**District:** First Appellate District, Div. 4 **Note:** Other involuntary dismissal

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District: Alameda County Superior Court - Main

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Amicus curiae

California League For Environmental Enforcement Now

Amicus curiae

Trial Lawyers For Public Justice

Amicus curiae

**National Association Of Consumer Advocates** 

Amicus curiae

**Pacific Legal Foundation** 

Amicus curiae

**Center For Biological Diversity** 

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Amicus curiae

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Amicus curiae

Civil Justice Association Of California

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**Dispositions** 

| Status Date | Status            |
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| 07/24/2006  | Opinion: Reversed |

**Docket Proceedings** 

**Reverse Proceedings** 

| Req# | Filed         | Docket Text   |
|------|---------------|---|
| 1    | Feb. 28, 2005 | Opposition filed: by aplts  |
| 2    | Feb. 28, 2005 | Request for depublication filed (initial case event): by Hooper, Lundy & Bookman, Inc. on behalf of Non-Parties Covenant Care California, Inc., GranCare, LLC, and the additional parties represented |
| 3    | Mar. 14, 2005 | Petition for review filed: by resp c/a rec req  |
| 4    | Apr. 01, 2005 | Answer to petition for review filed: by counsel for aplt. (Californians for Disability Rights)  |
| 5    | Apr. 06, 2005 | Received Court of Appeal record: file jacket/briefs/appendices/one box  |
| 6    | Apr. 11, 2005 | Reply to answer to petition filed: by resp  |
| 7    | Apr. 27, 2005 | Petition for review granted (civil case): Votes: George, C.J., Kennard, Baxter, Werdegar, Chin, Brown, and Moreno, JJ.  |
| 8    | May 10, 2005  | Certification of interested entities or persons filed: by counsel for aplt. (Californians for Disability Rights)  |
| 9    | May 17, 2005  | Certification of interested entities or persons filed: by counsel for Mervyns, LLC  |
| 10   | May 31, 2005  | Opening brief on the merits filed: by resp (40.1b)  |
| 11   | June 09, 2005 | Request for extension of time filed: for aplt to file the answer brief on the merits, to 7-14-05.   |
| 12   | June 13, 2005 | Extension of time granted: to 7-14-05 for aplt to file the answer brief on the  |

|    |                | merits.  |
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| 13 | July 14, 2005  | Answer brief on the merits filed: by appellant   |
| 14 | July 28, 2005  | Request for extension of time filed: by respondent to file the reply brief on the merits, to 8-17-05.  |
| 15 | Aug. 03, 2005  | Extension of time granted: to 8-17-05 for respondent to file the reply brief on the merits.  |
| 16 | Aug. 17, 2005  | Notice of substitution of counsel: Laurence W. Paradis in place of Sidney Wolinsky (appellant)   |
| 17 | Aug. 23, 2005  | Received application to file Amicus Curiae Brief: by AARP in support of appellant, with brief.   |
| 18 | Aug. 23, 2005  | Received: untimely Reply brief on the merits. (sent to justices for approval)  |
| 19 | Aug. 23, 2005  | Reply brief filed (case fully briefed): by respondent Mervyns. (late filing permitted)   |
| 20 | Aug. 31, 2005  | Permission to file amicus curiae brief granted: by AARP in support of appellant. Answers may be filed w/in 20 days.  |
| 21 | Aug. 31, 2005  | Amicus curiae brief filed: by AARP in support of appellant.  |
| 22 | Sept. 14, 2005 | Received application to file Amicus Curiae Brief: by the National Association of Consumer Advocates and Trial Lawyers for Public Justice in support of Appellant   |
| 23 | Sept. 15, 2005 | Received application to file Amicus Curiae Brief: from the Calif. Chamber of Commerce, Calif. Bankers Assn., Calif. Financial Services Assn., Calif. Manufacturers & Technology Assn., and Calif. Motor Car Dealers Assn. in support of Resp. with brief |
| 24 | Sept. 15, 2005 | Received application to file Amicus Curiae Brief: by Calif. League for Environmental Enforcement in support of Appellant. with brief   |
| 25 | Sept. 20, 2005 | Response to amicus curiae brief filed: respondent [Mervyn's LLC] to AC/brief of AARP.  |
| 26 | Sept. 21, 2005 | Received application to file Amicus Curiae Brief: by Center for Biological Diversity Inc., Environmental ProtectionInformation Center and Electronic Frontier Foundation in support of Appellant. with brief   |
| 27 | Sept. 22, 2005 | Received application to file Amicus Curiae Brief: by Association of Calif. Insurance Companies and American Insurance Association in support of respondent. with brief   |
| 28 | Sept. 22, 2005 | Received application to file Amicus Curiae Brief: by State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co., The Hertz Corp. and Visa U.S.A. Inc. in support of respondent. with brief.  |
| 29 | Sept. 22, 2005 | Received application to file Amicus Curiae Brief: on behalf of a/c EXPRESS SCRIPTS INC., NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION ADMINISTRATORS, AETNA HEALTH OF CALIFORNIA INC. & AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  |
| 30 | Sept. 22, 2005 | Received application to file Amicus Curiae Brief: by Pacific Legal Foundation and Central Calif. Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse in support of Respondent. with brief   |
| 31 | Sept. 22, 2005 | Received application to file Amicus Curiae Brief: on behalf of CONSUMER ATTORNEYS OF CALIFORNIA, JANICE DURAN & JULIA RAMOS  |
| 32 | Sept. 23, 2005 | Received application to file Amicus Curiae Brief: by the Civil Justice Association of Calif. in support of respondent. with brief. (40.1b)   |
| 33 | Sept. 23, 2005 | Received application to file Amicus Curiae Brief: by ReadyLink Healthcare Inc.   |

|    |                | in support of respondent. with brief (40.1b)   |
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| 34 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Permission to file amicus curiae brief granted: by the Center for Biological Diversity, Inc., et al in support of appellant. Answers may be filed w/in 20 days.          |
| 35 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Amicus curiae brief filed: by the Center for Biological Diversity et al in support of appellant  |
| 36 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Permission to file amicus curiae brief granted: by the Consumer Attorneys of California et al in support of appellant. Answers may be filed w/in 20 days.                |
| 37 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Amicus curiae brief filed: by Consumer Attorneys of California et al in support of aplt.   |
| 38 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Permission to file amicus curiae brief granted: by the National Association of Consumer Advocates et al in support of appellant. Answers may be filed w/in 20 days       |
| 39 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Amicus curiae brief filed: by the Nat. Assn. of Consumer Advocates in support of aplt.   |
| 40 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Permission to file amicus curiae brief granted: by the Calif. League for Environmental Enforcement Now in support of aplt. Answers may be filed w/in 20 days.            |
| 41 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Amicus curiae brief filed: by the Calif. League for Environmental Enforcement Now in support of aplt.  |
| 42 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Permission to file amicus curiae brief granted: by the Civil Justice Association of California in support of respondent. Answers may be filed w/in 20 days.              |
| 43 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Amicus curiae brief filed: by the Civil Justice Association of California in support of respondent.  |
| 44 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Permission to file amicus curiae brief granted: by ExpressScripts Inc. et al. in support of respondent. Answers may be filed w/in 20 days.                               |
| 45 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Amicus curiae brief filed: by ExpressScripts et al in support of respondent  |
| 46 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Permission to file amicus curiae brief granted: by State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. et al. in support of respondent. Answers may be filed w/in 20 days.        |
| 47 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Amicus curiae brief filed: by State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance et al in support of respondent.   |
| 48 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Permission to file amicus curiae brief granted: by the Pacific Legal Foundation et al in support of respondent. Answers may be filed w/in 20 days.                       |
| 49 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Amicus curiae brief filed: by the Pacific Legal Foundation et al in support of resp.   |
| 50 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Permission to file amicus curiae brief granted: by ReadyLink Healthcare Inc. in support of resp. Answers may be filed w/in 20 days.                                      |
| 51 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Amicus curiae brief filed: by ReadyLink Healthcare Inc. in support of resp.  |
| 52 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Permission to file amicus curiae brief granted: by the California Chamber of Commerce et al. in support of respondent. Answers may be filed w/in 20 days.                |
| 53 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Amicus curiae brief filed: by the Calif. Chamber of Commerce et al. in support of resp.  |
| 54 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Permission to file amicus curiae brief granted: by the Association of California Insurance Companies et al. in support of respondent. Answers may be filed w/in 20 days. |
| 55 | Sept. 29, 2005 | Amicus curiae brief filed: by the Association of California Insurance Companies et al in support of respondent.  |
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| 56 | Oct. 11, 2005 | Received application to file Amicus Curiae Brief: by Jarrow Formula, Inc., in support of respondent Mervyns LLC app/brief under same cover.  |  |  |  |
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| 57 | Oct. 20, 2005 | Response to amicus curiae brief filed: on behalf of respondent MERVYN'S, LLC by counsel to a/c brief of CONSUMER ATTORNEYS OF CALIFORNIA, et al. (40.1)  |  |  |  |
| 58 | Oct. 20, 2005 | Response to amicus curiae brief filed: by counsel for appellant (Californians for Disability Rights) - filed with permission   |  |  |  |
| 59 | Oct. 20, 2005 | Permission to file amicus curiae brief granted: Jarrow Formulas, Inc., in support of respondent.   |  |  |  |
| 60 | Oct. 20, 2005 | Amicus curiae brief filed: Jarrow Formulas, Inc., in support of respondent.  Answer is due within twenty days.   |  |  |  |
| 61 | Nov. 09, 2005 | Response to amicus curiae brief filed: by aplt to the A/C brief of Jarrow Formulas   |  |  |  |
| 62 | Nov. 30, 2005 | Change of contact information filed for: appellants. (counsel Disability Rights Advocates)   |  |  |  |
| 63 | May 02, 2006  | Case ordered on calendar: May 31, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., in San Francisco   |  |  |  |
| 64 | May 22, 2006  | Change of contact information filed for: for Sharon J. Arkin.  |  |  |  |
| 65 | May 31, 2006  | Cause argued and submitted   |  |  |  |
| 66 | July 24, 2006 | Opinion filed: Judgment reversed: and the case remanded for further proceedings consistent with this opinion. Opinion filed: Werdegar, Jjoined by George, C.J., Kennard, Baxter, Chin, and Moreno, JJ. CA First Appellate District - Division Four |  |  |  |
| 67 | Aug. 08, 2006 | Rehearing petition filed: Californians for Disability Rights, appellant by James C. Strdevant, counsel   |  |  |  |
| 68 | Aug. 10, 2006 | Time extended to consider modification or rehearing: to and including October 20, 2006, or the date upon which rehearing is either granted or denied, whichever occurs first.  |  |  |  |
| 69 | Aug. 16, 2006 | Answer to rehearing petition filed: Respondent Mervyn's LLC Attorneys David F. McDowell, etal  |  |  |  |
| 70 | Aug. 30, 2006 | Rehearing denied: Request for modification denied.   |  |  |  |
| 71 | Aug. 30, 2006 | Remittitur issued (civil case)   |  |  |  |
| 72 | Mar. 27, 2007 | Returned record: Court of Appeal - First District three (3) doghouses - volume 1 & 2 = clerk and reporters transcript/ volume 3 = appelants appendix   |  |  |  |
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