

# RECENT THIRD CIRCUIT AND SUPREME COURT CASES

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## SUPREME COURT

### **I. Cert. Granted – Misdemeanor Crime of Domestic Violence with Reckless *Mens Rea***

*Voisine v. United States*, No. 14-10154 (Cert. Granted Oct. 30, 2015).

ISSUE: Does a misdemeanor crime with the *mens rea* of recklessness qualify as a “misdemeanor crime of domestic violence” as defined by 18 U.S.C. §§ 921(a)(33)(A) and 922(g)(9)?

### **II. Cert. Granted – SORNA’s Registration Requirements for Those Who Move Abroad**

*Nichols v. United States*, No. 15-5238 (Cert. Granted Nov. 6, 2015).

ISSUE: Whether 42 U.S.C. § 16913(a) requires a sex offender who resides in a foreign country to update his registration in the jurisdiction where he formerly resided?