

The DCCA decided three criminal cases today:

(1) Williams v. US, No. 97-CF-421 (DC 2005): The DCCA affirmed Williams' conviction for constructive possession of a gun. It REVERSED co-appellant Smalls' conviction because his motion to sever, based on Williams' exculpatory testimony, should have been granted.

(2) In re I.J., No. 03-FS-671 (DC 2005): In this government interlocutory appeal, the DCCA AFFIRMED the trial court's decision to suppress certain statements, as the respondent was given no Miranda warnings and was "in custody" for Fifth Amendment purposes.

(3) Butler v. US, No. 00-CF-621 (DC 2005): The DCCA held that the trial court properly denied the defendant's coram nobis writ, and in any event there was no prejudice under Strickland from alleged prosecutorial misconduct in closing argument.