



Puerto Rico Supreme Court — Case Law Update

Decisions 2026TSPR32 through 2026TSPR37 | March 30 – April 10, 2026

Case	Summary & Practical Significance
2026 TSPR 37 Apr. 10, 2026 <i>Administrative Law</i>	RedMane Technology, LLC v. Dep't of Health, D2SOL, Inc., et als. — The Court clarified the procedural rules governing award notifications in public bidding processes. The ruling establishes the formal requirements and deadlines that notifications must satisfy to have legal effect, protecting the due process rights of all bidders. Companies doing business with the Puerto Rico government should review their procurement practices in light of this decision.
2026 TSPR 36 Apr. 9, 2026 <i>Forfeitures</i>	Cooperativa de Seguros Múltiples de PR v. Commonwealth, et als. — The Court held that the doctrine of collateral estoppel by judgment does not apply to a civil forfeiture challenge unless a prior proceeding on the same facts expressly determined that the forfeited property was not used in the commission of a crime. A criminal acquittal or dismissal does not automatically shield property from civil forfeiture. Affected parties must challenge civil forfeiture proceedings independently and in a timely manner.
2026 TSPR 35 Apr. 9, 2026 <i>Civil Procedure</i>	Saint Mary Investments, LLC v. Denton Morales, et als. — The Court reaffirmed that evaluating a motion to dismiss under Rule 10.2(5) of the Rules of Civil Procedure does not call for an evidentiary or probability assessment. The standard requires the court to take the plaintiff's well-pleaded allegations as true and evaluate them as a whole to determine whether they state a cognizable legal claim. Plaintiffs must plead clear, specific, and sufficiently detailed facts to withstand dismissal.
2026 TSPR 34 Mar. 31, 2026 <i>Bar Regulation</i>	Ex Parte: Approval of Inactive Status Changes — February 2026. — The Court approved the official change to inactive status for attorneys as of February 2026, updating the registry of lawyers authorized to practice law in Puerto Rico. Clients should verify that their legal counsel maintains active status before the Supreme Court, as representation by an inactive attorney may carry serious procedural consequences.
2026 TSPR 33 Mar. 30, 2026 <i>Criminal Law</i>	Romero Figueroa v. Parole Board — The Court interpreted the legal effect of a savings clause in Act No. 85-2024, concluding that it limits parole eligibility for individuals convicted of crimes under the 1974 Penal Code. The decision defines the scope of the legislative reform and its retroactive application, clarifying which incarcerated individuals qualify for parole consideration and which remain excluded under the savings clause.
2026 TSPR 32 Mar. 30, 2026 <i>Civil Procedure</i>	Bonilla Sánchez v. Orta, et als. — The Court addressed the relationship between the 120-day service-of-process deadline under Rule 4.3(c) and the substitution-of-party procedure triggered by a defendant's death under Rule 22.1(b). The ruling provides practitioners with clear guidance on how both rules interact, including applicable deadlines. Litigants must act promptly when a party dies during active litigation to avoid dismissal of the case.



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