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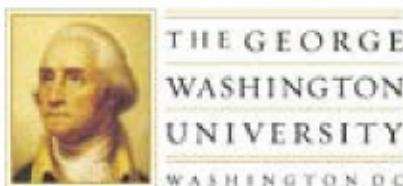
*Perez v. Ledesma*

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Washington, D. C. 20543

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JUSTICE WM.J. BRENNAN, JR.

June 24, 1970

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE

No. 837, Perez v. Ledesma, was held for the Dombrowski cases. It presents a situation of a federal suit for declaratory judgment of the constitutionality of a municipal ordinance when no prosecution for violation of the ordinance was pending. It is, therefore, a vehicle for considering the propriety of federal declaratory relief when no prosecution is pending. I strongly recommend that we note jurisdiction of the case and set it down for argument with the Dombrowski cases being set for reargument.

W.J.B. Jr.

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If the Conference notes No. 837, Perez v. Ladesma, as I have recommended, I suggest that the parties be asked to brief and argue, in addition to the question presented, the following questions:

(1) Was it an appropriate exercise of discretion for the three-judge court to grant the relief in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the judgment of August 14, 1969 in view of the pendency of the state prosecution charging violation of Louisiana Revised Statutes 14:106?

(2) Was it an appropriate exercise of discretion for the three-judge court in paragraph 4 of said judgment to declare that the St. Bernard Parish Ordinance No. 21-60 unconstitutional?

W.J.B. Jr.