



**SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA  
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June 30, 2016

TO ALL COUNSEL:

RE: **S1611536. DEBRA BECK v. JAMES RHODES.**

The Supreme Court today granted the above referenced application for Interlocutory Appeal. All the Justices concur.

The appellant's notice of appeal must be filed in the trial court within ten days of the date shown above. Once the record is received from the trial court and docketed in this Court, notices will be mailed to all counsel showing the date of docketing and the case number assigned. The appellant's enumeration of errors and briefs will be due in this Court within 20 days of docketing; the appellee's briefs will be due within 40 days of docketing, or within 20 days of the filing of appellant's briefs, whichever is later. See Rule 12.

This Court is particularly concerned with, and requests that you address in your brief, the following:

Did the trial court err in denying Appellant's motion for summary judgment based on qualified immunity under Art. I § II, Para. IX (d) of the Georgia Constitution?

Can persons who are not elected officials of the state or of a state department or agency, and who are not directed and controlled by any politically accountable official or government entity be brought within the scope of the Constitution's official immunity provision by being granted law enforcement or other traditional governmental powers by another agency or authority?

At all relevant times, was Debra Beck acting as an agent of MCCG/the Hospital Authority, or was she acting as a deputy sheriff for Bibb County?

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