



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA  
Case No. S16C1700

Atlanta, February 06, 2017

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION v. S.G**

Court of Appeals Case No. A16A0201

The Supreme Court today granted the writ of certiorari in this case. All the Justices concur, except Peterson, J., disqualified.

This case will be assigned to the May 2017 oral argument calendar automatically under Supreme Court Rule 50 (2), as amended September 13, 1996. Oral argument is mandatory in granted certiorari cases.

This Court is particularly concerned with the following issue or issues:

1. Did the Court of Appeals err in this civil case in holding that the plaintiff local school board had the burden to disprove the defendant student's affirmative defense of justification once she presented "credible evidence to support [it]"? See *Bell v. Smith*, 227 Ga. App. 17, 18-19 (488 SE2d 91) (1997).
2. If so, did the Court of Appeals nevertheless reach the right judgment?

Briefs should be submitted only on these points. See Supreme Court Rule 45.

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

  
, Clerk