



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA  
Case No. S16C1786

Atlanta, February 27, 2017

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed.

**THOMAS MCCONNELL et al. v. GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

Court of Appeals Case No. A16A0655

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

This case will be assigned to the June 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 not addressing the trial court's holding that McConnell's tort claims were barred by sovereign immunity, which is a jurisdictional issue, before addressing the merits of those claims?
2. If not, did the Court of Appeals err in holding that McConnell's tort claims were properly dismissed on the merits?

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