



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA  
Case No. S17C1472

Atlanta, September 13, 2017

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed.

**IN RE: ESTATE OF: JACQUELINE GLADSTONE**

Court of Appeals Case No. A16A1682, A16A1683

The Supreme Court today granted the writ of certiorari in this case. All the Justices concur, except Peterson, J., not participating.

This case will be assigned to the January 2018 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 holding that a conservator's bond covers punitive damages even though such damages are not expressly provided for under OCGA § 29-5-40 et seq. or under the provisions of the bond itself?
- 2) If a conservator's bond does cover punitive damages, did the Court of Appeals err in holding that because the probate court complied with OCGA § 29-5-92 (b) (4) in imposing sanctions against the petitioner, compliance with the procedures for imposing punitive damages under OCGA § 51-12-5.1 was not required?

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.

*Theresa A. Barnes*

, Clerk