



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
Case No. S17C1924

Atlanta, December 11, 2017

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed.

DENNIS FENDER et al. v. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF VALDOSTA et al.

Court of Appeals Case No. A17A0002/A17A0003

The Supreme Court today granted the writ of certiorari in this case. Granted

This case will be assigned to the April 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:

Was the employer entitled to summary judgment on claims involving its independent negligence in hiring, training, supervising, and retaining an employee because it admitted the applicability of respondeat superior and the plaintiffs do not seek punitive damages?

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

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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thiruse S. Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive style.

, Clerk