



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
Case No. S17C1951

Atlanta, January 16, 2018

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed.

GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY v. BRUCE LAWYER

Court of Appeals Case No. A17A0230

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

This case will be assigned to the May 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:

Does the record in this case show that the Georgia Ports Authority is entitled to immunity under the Eleventh Amendment for claims sounding in federal maritime law because it is an arm of the State? Compare *Hines v. Ga. Ports Auth.*, 278 Ga. 631 (2004).

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.

, Clerk