



**SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA**  
Case No. S18C0385

Atlanta, May 7, 2018

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.  
The following order was passed.

**THE WELLPOINT COMPANIES, INC. et al v. CHERYL WILLS et al.**

Court of Appeals Case No. A18I0024

The writ of certiorari to grant petitioner's application for interlocutory appeal is granted. All the Justices concur, except Melton, P.J., Benham and Hunstein, JJ., who dissent.

This Court is particularly concerned with the following issue:

Did the trial court properly impose spoliation sanctions for the loss of original print copies of electronically stored information (digital photographs)?

Petitioner's notice of appeal, directed to this Court, must be filed in the trial court within ten days of the date shown above. Upon filing of a notice of appeal, the trial court clerk is directed to promptly transmit the notice of appeal and the record to this Court. Once the record is received from the trial court and docketed in this Court, notices will be mailed to all counsel showing the date of docketing and the case number assigned, which will be an "A" direct appeal case rather than a "G" granted certiorari case.

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I certify that the above is a true extract from  
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.

*Suzanne C. Bullock*, Chief Deputy Clerk