



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
Case No. S20C0425

June 01, 2020

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed.

LOWNDES COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES, LLC v. GREGORY
COPELAND et al.

Court of Appeals Case No. A19A1552

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

All the Justices concur, except McMillian, J., disqualified.

This case will be assigned to the September 2020 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 determining that Respondents' proffered explanation for the exercise of their peremptory strike against Juror No. 11 was race-neutral?
2. If so, was it proper for the trial court nevertheless to conduct the

third step of the Batson analysis to determine discriminatory intent?

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