

07-208 INDIANA V. EDWARDS

DECISION BELOW: 866 NE 2d 252

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 49S02-0705-CR-202

QUESTION PRESENTED:

May a criminal defendant who, despite being legally competent, is schizophrenic, delusional, and mentally decompensatory in the course of a simple conversation, be denied the right to represent himself at trial when the trial court reasonably concludes that permitting self-representation would deny the defendant a fair trial?

THE PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI IS GRANTED LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "MAY STATES ADOPT A HIGHER STANDARD FOR MEASURING COMPETENCY TO REPRESENT ONESELF AT TRIAL THAN FOR MEASURING COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL?"

CERT. GRANTED 12/7/2007