

**15-420 UNITED STATES V. BRYANT**

DECISION BELOW: 769 F.3d 671

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 12-30177

**QUESTION PRESENTED:**

Section 117(a) of Title 18, United States Code, makes it a federal crime for any person to "commit[] a domestic assault within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States or Indian country" if the person "has a final conviction on at least 2 separate prior occasions in Federal, State, or Indian tribal court proceedings for" enumerated domestic violence offenses. 18 U.S.C. 117(a).

The question presented is whether reliance on valid uncounseled tribal-court misdemeanor convictions to prove Section 117(a)'s predicate-offense element violates the Constitution.

CERT. GRANTED 12/14/2015