

**16-712 OIL STATES ENERGY SERVICES, LLC V. GREENE'S ENERGY GROUP, LLC**

DECISION BELOW: 639 Fed. Appx. 639

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 2015-1855

QUESTION PRESENTED:

1. Whether *inter partes* review-an adversarial process used by the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) to analyze the validity of existing patents- violates the Constitution by extinguishing private property rights through a non-Article III forum without a jury.
2. Whether the amendment process implemented by the PTO in *inter partes* review conflicts with this Court's decision in *Cuozzo Speed Technologies, LLC v. Lee*, 136 S. Ct. 2131 (2016), and congressional direction.
3. Whether the "broadest reasonable interpretation" of patent claims-upheld in *Cuozzo* for use in *inter partes* review-requires the application of traditional claim construction principles, including disclaimer by disparagement of prior art and reading claims in light of the patent's specification.

GRANTED LIMITED TO QUESTION 1 PRESENTED BY THE PETITION.

CERT. GRANTED 6/12/2017