

**03-1696 EXXON MOBIL CORP., ET AL. V. SAUDI BASIC INDUS. CORP.**

Decision Below: 364 F.3d 102 (3<sup>rd</sup> Cir. 2004)

QUESTION PRESENTED

May the *Rooker-Feldman* doctrine, which bars lower federal courts from conducting de facto appellate review of decisions by state courts, be expansively interpreted to additionally incorporate preclusion principles and divest federal courts of jurisdiction solely because a pending state- court proceeding presents identical issues, notwithstanding the long-established system of dual federal and state jurisdiction?

Cert. Granted 10/12/04