

02-1377 DOE v. CHAO

Ruling below: CA 4, 306 F.3d 170.

QUESTION PRESENTED

Whether an individual who has suffered an "adverse effect" as a result of a federal agency's "intentional or willful" violation of the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a *et seq.*, must further prove that he has suffered "actual damages" to be entitled to the minimum statutory damages award of \$1,000 available under Section 552a(g)(4) of the Act.

CERT. GRANTED: 6/27/03