

03-814 STEWART V. DUTRA CONSTRUCTION CO.

DECISION BELOW: 343 F3d 10, 230 F3d 461

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 02-1713

QUESTION PRESENTED:

To qualify for "seaman" status under the Jones Act, a worker must have an "employment-related connection to a vessel in navigation." *Chandris, Inc. v. Latsis*, 515 U.S. 347, 357 (1995). What is the legal standard for determining whether a special purpose watercraft (such as a dredge) is a Jones Act "vessel"?

CERT. GRANTED 2/23/2004