03-9659 MILLER-EL V. DRETKE

DECISION BELOW: 361 F3d 849

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 00-10784

QUESTION PRESENTED:

Whether the Court of Appeals--in reinstating on remand from this Court its prior rejection of petitioner's claim that the prosecution had purposefully excluded African-Americans from his capital jury in violation of Batson v. Kentucky, 476 U.S. 79 (1986)--so contravened this Court's decision and analysis of the evidence in Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322 (2003), that "an exercise of this Court's supervisory powers" under Supreme Court Rule 10(a) is required to sustain the protections against invidious discrimination set forth in Batson and Miller-El and the safeguards against arbitrary fact-finding set forth in 28 U.S.C. §§ 2254(d)(2) and (e)(l).

CERT. GRANTED 6/28/2004