16-254 WATER SPLASH, INC. V. MENON

DECISION BELOW: 472 S.W.3d 28

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 14-14-00012-CV

QUESTION PRESENTED:

In 1965, the member states of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, including the United States, adopted a treaty known as the Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters ("Hague Service Convention"). The Hague Service Convention enables service of process from one member state to another without the use of consular or diplomatic channels. This case presents the following federal question on which state and federal courts have been divided for over 25 years:

Does the Hague Service Convention authorize service of process by mail?

CERT. GRANTED 12/2/2016