16-8255 McCOY V. LOUISIANA

DECISION BELOW: 218 So.3d 535

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 2014-KA-1449

QUESTION PRESENTED:

1. Is it unconstitutional for defense counsel to concede an accused's guilt over the accused's express objection?

2. Whether Louisiana's rule, that a prosecutor's strike of an African American juror is irrelevant to the prosecutor's strikes of other African-American jurors if the defense simultaneously struck the same juror, violates this Court's holding in *Foster*, *Miller-El* and *Batson* requiring consideration of all relevant circumstances?

LIMITED TO QUESTION 1 PRESENTED BY THE PETITION.

CERT. GRANTED 9/28/2017