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In the Supreme Court of the United States

FOURTH ESTATE PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION,
PETITIONER

v.

WALL-STREET.COM, LLC, ET AL.

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TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT*

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QUESTION PRESENTED

Section 411(a) of the Copyright Act provides that “no civil action for infringement of the copyright in any United States work shall be instituted until” either (1) “registration of the copyright claim has been made in accordance with this title,” or (2) “the deposit, application, and fee required for registration have been delivered to the Copyright Office in proper form and registration has been refused.” 17 U.S.C. 411(a). The question presented is as follows:

Whether a copyright owner may commence an infringement suit after delivering the proper deposit, application, and fee to the Copyright Office, but before the Register of Copyrights has acted on the application for registration.

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