

No. 17-571

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

FOURTH ESTATE PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION,
Petitioner,

v.

WALL-STREET.COM, LLC AND JERROLD D. BURDEN,
Respondents.

**On Writ of Certiorari
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 (with qualifications) that “no civil action for infringement of [a] copyright in any United States work shall be instituted until preregistration or registration of the copyright claim has been made in accordance with this title.” 17 U.S.C. § 411(a). The question presented is:

Whether “registration of [a] copyright claim has been made” within the meaning of § 411(a) when the copyright holder delivers the required application, deposit, and fee to the Copyright Office, as the Fifth and Ninth Circuits have held, or only once the Copyright Office acts on that application, as the Tenth Circuit and, in the decision below, the Eleventh Circuit have held.

PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDINGS

Petitioner Fourth Estate Public Benefit Corporation was the plaintiff and the appellant in the proceedings below.

Respondents Wall-Street.com, LLC and Jerrold D. Burden were the defendants and the appellees in the proceedings below.

RULE 29.6 STATEMENT

Pursuant to this Court's Rule 29.6, petitioner Fourth Estate Public Benefit Corporation states that it is a public benefit corporation that has not issued any stock.

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