

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT**

GUSTAVE LABARRE, JR. ET AL.

NO. 2015 CW 1006

VERSUS

OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL COMPANY  
AND TEXAS BRINE COMPANY,  
L.L.C.

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In Re: Reliance Petroleum Corporation, applying for  
supervisory writs, 23rd Judicial District Court,  
Parish of Assumption, No. 33796.

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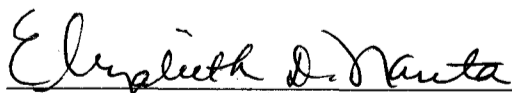
**BEFORE: GUIDRY, HOLDRIDGE AND CHUTZ, JJ.**

**WRIT DENIED.** The parties may address through contradictory motions any specific problems with this case management order or the trial date.

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**Guidry, J.,** dissents and would grant the writ. A trial court has wide discretion in the control of its docket and in case management. **Willey v. Roberts**, 95-1037 (La. App. 1st Cir. 12/15/95), 664 So.2d 1371, 1374, writ denied, 96-0164 (La. 3/15/96), 669 So.2d 422. Implicit, however, is the requirement that the trial court manage its docket and avoid setting trial at a date and time that would deprive the litigants of the opportunity to prepare their case. Recognizing the great discretion afforded the district court in case management, however, I conclude the deadlines imposed amount to an abuse of discretion in light of the magnitude and scope of this trial and regarding how the deadlines interrelate. Therefore, I would vacate the May 21, 2015 case management order, and remand this matter to the trial court for the resetting of the deposition deadlines, expert report deadlines, the hearing of all dispositive motions and the refixing of a trial date, such that all parties are afforded a more meaningful opportunity to prepare for trial.

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DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT  
FOR THE COURT