

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

CHRISTOPHER HUGHES

NO. 2015 CW 1434

VERSUS

SUNLAND FABRICATORS (D/B/A  
CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON)

DEC 07 2015

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In Re: Valspar Refinish, Inc., applying for supervisory writs, Office of Workers' Compensation, District 06, No. 14-07346.

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**BEFORE: PETTIGREW, HIGGINBOTHAM AND CRAIN, JJ.**

**WRIT GRANTED.** Louisiana courts lack subject matter jurisdiction over third party claims in a compensation controversy when the employment contract, localization of employment, and injury all occurred outside of this state. See La. R.S. 23:1035.1; **Jerry v. Young's Well Service**, 375 So.2d 186 (La. App. 2d Cir. 1979). Accordingly, the August 10, 2015 ruling of the Office of Workers' Compensation denying the declinatory exception of lack of subject matter jurisdiction filed by Valspar Refinish, Inc. is reversed, the exception of lack of subject matter jurisdiction is sustained, and the claims against Valspar Refinish, Inc. are dismissed with prejudice.

**WJC**  
**JTP**  
**TMH**

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