

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

PAUL THOMPSON AND DAVID  
SIMMONS

NO. 2016 CW 1549

VERSUS

WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.,  
WILLIAMS OLEFINS, LLC,  
WILLIAMS PARTNERS, LP,  
WILLIAMS PARTNERS GP LLC,  
DISCOVERY PRODUCER SERVICES,  
LLC, BLACK MARLIN PIPELINE,  
LLC, WILLIAMS OHIO VALLEY  
MIDSTREAM LLC, AND TURNER  
INDUSTRIES GROUP, LLC

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In Re: Williams Olefins, LLC, Williams Companies, Inc., and  
Williams Field Services Group, LLC, applying for  
supervisory writs, 18th Judicial District Court,  
Parish of Iberville, No. 72701.

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**BEFORE: WHIPPLE, C.J., GUIDRY, McCLENDON, HIGGINBOTHAM, AND  
THERIOT, J.J., JJ.**

**WRIT DENIED.** We find no abuse of the trial court's broad  
discretion in regulating pre-trial discovery. **Laborde v. Shelter  
Mut. Ins. Co.**, 2012-0074 (La. 3/9/12), 82 So.3d 1237, 1238.  
Request for stay denied.

TMH  
MRT

**Whipple, C.J.**, concurs and would decline to exercise supervisory  
jurisdiction. The criteria set forth in **Herlitz Constr. Co.,  
Inc. v. Hotel Investors of New Iberia, Inc.**, 396 So.2d 878 (La.  
1981) are not met.

**Guidry and McClendon, J.J.**, dissent and would grant the writ.  
Based on the specific information sought to be discovered, we  
would grant the writ and reverse the November 3, 2015 order of  
the trial court.

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