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**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

**2019-CC-0592**

**TASHA TOLAR CARRIERE AND  
DANIEL BIHM MARCANTEL, ET AL.**

**v.**

**UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, ET AL.**

**ON SUPERVISORY WRITS TO THE  
27TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY**

**Crichton, J. would grant and assigns reasons.**

I would grant this writ because, in my view, the trial court's imposition of \$300,000 in special master fees and costs against defendant in this case was an abuse of discretion. *See* La. C.C.P. art. 1920. Further, this amount was imposed after the defendant had already advanced in excess of \$100,000 to the special master. Under the circumstances of this case, in which causation and damages have yet to be determined, I consider this amount excessive and violative of the reasonableness requirement of R.S. 13:4165(D).