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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

No. 2019-C-00940

CONSOLIDATED WITH

No. 2019-C-00948

JERRY CRAFT

VS.

PORTS AMERICA GULFPORT, INC., ET AL.

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEAL,

FOURTH CIRCUIT, PARISH OF ORLEANS

CRICHTON, J., would grant in part and assigns reasons:

I would grant in part the writ application of Defendant-Applicants Crowley Marine Services, Inc. f/k/a Delta Steamship Lines, Inc. and James J. Flanagan Shipping Corporation. Specifically, I would reverse the court of appeal and reinstate the trial court's ruling in which Judge Piper Griffin granted judgment notwithstanding the verdict as to the jury's award of \$1,000,000 for future medical expenses. In my view, this accomplished judge correctly ruled that the one million dollar award was based on speculation and insufficient evidence.