PRE-CALENDAR STATEMENT

State of New York Supreme Court: Appellate Division Third Judicial Department

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ESSEX

LEWIS FAMILY FARM, INC.,

Petitioner,

NEW YORK STATE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY,

Respondent.

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY,

v.

Plaintiff,

LEWIS FAMILY FARM, INC., SALIM B. LEWIS and BARBARA LEWIS,

Defendants.

PARTIES INVOLVED: Party Name

Original Status

Lewis Family Farm Inc.

New York State Adirondack Park Agency ("APA") Petitioner

Respondent

Essex County Index No. 315-08 RJI No. 15-1-2008-0109

Index No. 332-08 RJI No. 15-1-2008-0117

Essex County

Appellate Status

Respondent

Appellant

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NATURE and OBJECT of ACTION or PROCEEDING:

In a Decision and Order dated February 3, 2010, a copy of which is attached hereto, pursuant to CPLR Article 86 (Equal Access to Justice Act), the Supreme Court found that the APA was not "substantially justified" in its position to require a permit for the construction of three single-family dwellings in the Adirondack Park.

APPELLATE ISSUE:

Was the APA's administrative determination substantially justified and did special circumstances made an award unjust where: the APA relied on a prior Supreme Court ruling that the Agency had jurisdiction; where the issue was one of first impression; where the State was successful on two issues in the litigation; where the APA had long standing statutory authority requiring permits for single family dwellings in Resource Management areas and Recreational River corridors in the Adirondack Park; and where Supreme Court found the determination was affected by "error of law?"

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OTHER RELATED MATTERS:

See: Lewis Family Farm, Inc. v. Adirondack Park Agency, A.D.Case # 504696 (Essex Co., Index No. 498-07)(Lewis Farm 1)

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Dated: March 29, 2010

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attachments:

Notice of Appeal

Decision & Order