

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
EASTERN DISTRICT**

RICHARD ROST & JOYCE ROST,	:	No. 309 EAL 2014
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Respondent	:	
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v.	:	Petition for Allowance of Appeal from the
	:	Order of the Superior Court
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FORD MOTOR COMPANY,	:	
	:	
Petitioner	:	

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 6th day of November, 2014, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is **GRANTED, LIMITED TO** the issues set forth below. Allocatur is **DENIED** as to all remaining issues. The issues, as stated by Petitioner, are:

- (1) Whether—contrary to Howard, Betz, and Gregg—a plaintiff in an asbestos action may satisfy the burden of establishing substantial-factor causation by an expert’s “cumulative-exposure” theory that the expert concedes is simply an “any-exposure” theory by a different name[?]
- (2) Whether the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas’ mandatory practice of consolidating unrelated asbestos cases—even where the defendants suffer severe prejudice as a result—is consistent with the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure and Due Process; whether consolidation in this case was proper; and whether the Superior Court has the authority to review a trial court’s case-consolidation decisions in asbestos cases[?]