

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

THOMAS A. JOSEPH, THOMAS J. JOSEPH, ACUMARK, INC., AIRPORT LIMOUSINE AND TAXI SERVICE INC.,	:	No. 407 MAL 2014
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	:	Petition for Allowance of Appeal from the
	:	Order of the Superior Court
Respondents	:	
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v.	:	
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THE SCRANTON TIMES L.P., THE TIMES PARTNER, JAMES CONMY AND EDWARD LEWIS,	:	
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Petitioners	:	

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 25th day of November, 2014, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is **GRANTED**. The issues, as stated by petitioners, are:

- a) Whether an appellate court may disregard the foundational rules requiring deference to the trial court's factual findings and credibility determinations?

- b) Whether a court may disregard the First Amendment constraints on defamation actions by concluding that the injury-in-fact liability element of a defamation claim is established without proof of reputational harm caused by defamatory statements?

- c) Whether a court may disregard the First Amendment constraints on defamation actions by holding that proof of actual malice relieves plaintiffs of their burden to prove injury-in-fact?

- d) Whether a court may disregard the First Amendment constraints that require a defamation plaintiff to prove falsity and fault on the part of a media defendant and order a retrial on damages only where the record does not establish that a plaintiff met his constitutional burdens?