

19-368 FORD MOTOR CO. V. MONTANA EIGHTH DISTRICT COURT

DECISION BELOW: 443 P.3d 407

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: OP 19-0099

QUESTION PRESENTED:

The Due Process Clause permits a state court to exercise specific personal jurisdiction over a non-resident defendant only when the plaintiff's claims "arise out of or relate to" the defendant's forum activities. *Burger King Corp. v. Rudzewicz*, 471 U.S. 462, 472 (1985) (internal quotation marks omitted).

The question presented is:

Whether the "arise out of or relate to" requirement is met when none of the defendant's forum contacts caused the plaintiff's claims, such that the plaintiff's claims would be the same even if the defendant had no forum contacts.

CONSOLIDATED WITH 19-369 FOR ONE HOUR ORAL ARGUMENT.

PRESS RELEASE OF APRIL 3, 2020

IN KEEPING WITH PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19, THE COURT WILL POSTPONE THE ORAL ARGUMENTS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR THE APRIL SESSION.

4/13/2020: ARGUMENT TO BE RESCHEDULED FOR THE OCTOBER TERM 2020

CERT. GRANTED 1/17/2020