

LEXSEE 2002 U.S. APP. LEXIS 3439

TAMMY STEVENS, Plaintiff-Appellant, versus PREMIER CRUISES, INC., a Canadian corporation, Defendant-Appellee.

No. 98-5913

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT*284 F.3d 1187; 2002 U.S. App. LEXIS 3439; 12 Am. Disabilities Cas. (BNA) 1728; 2002 AMC 853; 15 Fla. L. Weekly Fed. C 333***March 1, 2002, Decided****March 1, 2002, Filed**

PRIOR HISTORY: [**1] Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. D.C. Docket No. 98-02140-CV-FAM. Judge: Federico A. Moreno.

Stevens v. Premier Cruises, Inc., 215 F.3d 1237, 2000 U.S. App. LEXIS 14421 (11th Cir. Fla. 2000).

DISPOSITION: Rehearing and rehearing en banc denied.

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Civil Rights Law > Protection of Disabled Persons > Americans With Disabilities Act > Scope

[HN1] Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act can have an application to cruise ships in United States waters which sail under a foreign flag and are owned by a foreign corporation.

JUDGES: Before EDMONDSON and BARKETT, Circuit Judges, and COHILL *, District Judge.

* Honorable Maurice B. Cohill, Jr., U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, sitting by designation.

OPINION

[*1187] BY THE COURT:

This matter is before the Court on a motion for rehearing and on a suggestion for rehearing en banc. They both are DENIED.

The panel, however, does now clarify footnote 8 in its original opinion.

[*1188] This case came before us on a 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss. We determined that the district court erred in its conclusion that [HN1] Title III of the ADA -- as a matter of law -- can have no application to cruise ships in United States waters which sail under a foreign flag and are owned by a foreign corporation. Appellee, in its original brief to the court, did contend that allowing the ADA to apply, even in principle, to a foreign flag vessel would violate certain treaties and conventions and, thus, that the ADA was not intended by Congress to cover such vessels at all. Appellee did not point out a definite and specific conflict between the [**2] concrete requirements of Title III in application and international laws and conventions in governing how a ship could be constructed or operated: for example, what conflict arises from a U.S. rule against discriminatory fares.

We noted in our original opinion that we left open whether treaty obligations of the United States might in some instances preclude or limit application of Title III. In the meantime, we have looked at supplemental briefs. But we will not address further the connection between the application of Title III and United States treaty obligations and international law and conventions. To decide this appeal from a 12(b)(6) dismissal, we need not foresee and decide the result for every potential conflict with every possible treaty, convention or article of international law. We continue to believe that it is not beyond doubt that plaintiff in this case can prove a set of facts in support of her claim which would entitle her to relief.

MOTION FOR REHEARING DENIED.

SUGGESTION FOR REHEARING EN BANC DENIED.