

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

CROSSTEX ENERGY SERVICES, LP,  
CROSSTEX, LIG, LLC AND CROSSTEX  
PROCESSING SERVICES, LLC

No. 2022-CC-00375

VS.

TEXAS BRINE COMPANY, LLC, ET AL.

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IN RE: Texas Brine Company, LLC - Applicant Defendant; Applying For Writ Of  
Certiorari, Parish of Assumption, 23rd Judicial District Court Number(s) 34202,  
Court of Appeal, First Circuit, Number(s) 2021 CW 1191;

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April 13, 2022

Writ application granted. See per curiam.

JBM  
JDH  
SJC  
JTG  
PDG

Weimer, C.J., dissents and would deny.  
Crain, J., recused.

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Katja Marjanovic  
Chief Deputy Clerk of Court  
For the Court

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On Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeal, First Circuit, Parish of Assumption

**PER CURIAM**

**Writ granted.** It is well-settled that trial courts have broad discretion in ruling on discovery matters. *Belonga v. Crescent City Dodge, L.L.C., et al.*, 00-3419 (La. 3/9/01), 781 So. 2d 1247, citing *Adams v. Deaton, Inc.*, 97-1237 (La.6/30/97), 696 So. 2d 997. It is equally well-settled that a trial court’s ruling “will not be disturbed on appeal absent a clear showing of abuse.” *Moak v. Illinois Central Railroad Co.*, 93-783 (La. 1/14/94), 631 So. 2d 401; *Laburre v. East Jefferson General Hospital, et al.*, 555 So.2d 1381, 1385 (La. 1990).

The trial court in the instant matter conducted an in-camera inspection of the documents at issue, and, based on that inspection, ordered the production of five documents, without redactions. The court of appeal vacated that judgment without reasons, although the dissent makes clear that it did so without reviewing the documents. *Crosstex Energy Servs., LP v. Texas Brine Co., LLC.*, 2021-CW-1191 (La. App. 1 Cir. 2/2/22)(*unpub.*)(Welch, J., dissents and “would have Occidental Chemical Corporation file the five documents in question under seal with this court for in camera inspection and determination on the merits.”).

Because there is no showing that the trial court abused its broad discretion in this discovery dispute, the court of appeal erred in vacating its judgment. The ruling

of the court of appeal is reversed and the trial court's August 21, 2021 judgment is hereby reinstated. This matter is remanded for further proceedings.