

In the United States Court of Appeals

For the Fifth Circuit

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m 02-30197

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ALICIA TANGUIS, ETC., ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

ALICIA TANGUIS,

ON BEHALF OF HERSELF AND ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA;

DONALD F. MANKIN, JR.,

ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA;

GEORGE A. BARISICH,

ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA;

MEDRIC MEYER,

ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA;

PRESTON SALTALAMACCHIA,

ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

VERSUS

WESTCHESTER M/V, ET AL.,

Defendants,

WESTCHESTER M/V

AND

ERMIS MARITIME CORPORATION,

Defendants-Appellees.

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IN THE MATTER OF:  
MARINE OIL TRADER 3 LIMITED,  
AS OWNER OF M/V WESTCHESTER PETITIONING FOR  
EXONERATION FROM OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY;  
TRITON MARINE, S.A.,  
AS MANAGER OF M/V WESTCHESTER PETITIONING FOR  
EXONERATION FROM OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY;  
ERMIS MARITIME CORPORATION,  
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AS MANAGER OF M/V WESTCHESTER,

Petitioners-Appellees,

VERSUS

ISTVAN ABONYI, ET AL.,

Claimants.

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of Louisiana  
m 01-CV-3559-N

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December 10, 2002

Before SMITH, BARKSDALE, and  
EMILIO M. GARZA, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

This is a putative state class action that was subsumed, on removal to federal court, by a limitation of liability action. The appellants assert error in the district court's dismissal of potential claims. We have read the briefs and the applicable law, have heard the arguments of counsel, and have consulted pertinent portions of the record.

Because the limitation of liability action terminates appellants' status as asserted class representatives, appellants have no standing to pursue this appeal on behalf of potential claimants. Because of the lack of standing, we have no jurisdiction over the appeal.

The appeal, accordingly, is DISMISSED.

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\* Pursuant to 5<sup>TH</sup> CIR. R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5<sup>TH</sup> CIR. R. 47.5.4.