

(ORDER LIST: 549 U.S.)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2006

**CERTIORARI GRANTED**

06-5618      CLAIBORNE, MARIO V. UNITED STATES

The motion of petitioner for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and the petition for a writ of certiorari are granted limited to the following Questions: 1) Was the district court's choice of below-Guidelines sentence reasonable? 2) In making that determination, is it consistent with *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), to require that a sentence which constitutes a substantial variance from the Guidelines be justified by extraordinary circumstances?

06-5754      RITA, VICTOR A. V. UNITED STATES

The motion of petitioner for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and the petition for a writ of certiorari are granted limited to the following Questions: 1) Was the district court's choice of within-Guidelines sentence reasonable? 2) In making that determination, is it consistent with *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), to accord a presumption of reasonableness to within-Guidelines sentences? 3) If so, can that presumption justify a sentence imposed without an explicit analysis by the district court of the 18 U.S.C. §3553(a) factors and any other factors that might justify a lesser sentence?