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City of Ingleside v. City of Corpus Christi

Supreme Court of Texas - July 24, 2015 - S.W.3d - 2015 WL 4498005

City brought action against adjacent city for declaratory judgment that natural and artificial structures such as wharves, piers, and docks protruding into bay were functionally part of fast land above high water mark and were not within jurisdiction of adjacent city governing land from shoreline into bay waters. The District Court rejected adjacent city's plea to subject-matter jurisdiction, and it appealed. The Court of Appeals reversed. City petitioned for review.

The Supreme Court of Texas held that city's suit did not raise nonjusticiable political question regarding boundary. City did not seek declaration altering shoreline boundary, but merely asked court to clarify whether "shoreline" could be reshaped by protrusions of natural and artificial fixtures on the fast land.