

07-10374 HAYWOOD V. DROWN

DECISION BELOW: 9 NY3d 481

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 146

QUESTION PRESENTED:

Whether a state's withdrawal of jurisdiction over certain damages claims against state corrections employees — from state courts of general jurisdiction — may be constitutionally applied to exclude federal claims under Section 1983, especially when, as here, the state legislature withdrew jurisdiction because it concluded that permitting such lawsuits is bad policy?

CERT. GRANTED 6/16/2008