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A Little Help from 1789: The All Writs Act

- the closeness of the relationship between the person or entity to whom the proposed writ is directed and the matter over which the court has jurisdiction;
- the reasonableness of the burden to be imposed on the writ's subject; and
- the necessity of the requested writ to aid the court's jurisdiction.



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Pre Apple 6 Decision

In re Apple, Inc., a New York drug case, the court found that the DOJ's application for Apple's assistance satisfied none of the All Writs discretionary factors because:

- (1)Apple's relationship to the accused's conduct and the DOJ's investigation was too attenuated;
- (2)requiring Apple to assist in decrypting the suspect's iPhone would place too great a burden on Apple; and
 (3)necessity could not be established because the DOJ previously acknowledged that it possessed
 "specialized software" that could potentially accomplish the decryption.



"Apple Encryption and Ethics Debate"

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