

THE SUPREME COURT TERM IN REVIEW FOR BUSINESSES: A DISCUSSION OF THIS PAST YEAR'S DECISIONS AND THEIR PRACTICAL IMPACTS

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About this Webinar:

In this webinar, our panel will review significant decisions from the recently concluded Supreme Court Term that are likely to affect businesses, including in the areas of commercial fraud, securities law, trademarks, copyrights, patents, bankruptcy, arbitration, and claim accrual. Our focus will be not simply a legal analysis of each case, but more importantly, how these decisions may affect your business's operations on a day to day basis.

Presenters:

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