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Court: Directional Drilling Engineers can be Independent Contractors

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In an article published on March 5, 2019 by *Oil & Gas Journal*, shareholder Annette Idalski's recent appellate victory for Premier Directional Drilling in *Parrish v. Premier Directional Drilling* is highlighted. Idalski chairs Chamberlain Hrdlicka's national labor and employment practice group.

In this highly anticipated court case with broad implications for the oil industry, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals court unanimously concluded that directional drilling engineers can be classified as independent contractors and not employees. Idalski, who served as lead counsel for Premier, says, The impact of this decision cannot be overstated, as the prior court's order was crippling the oil and gas industry while enabling a wave of financially devastating litigation. For the full article, please click [here](#).