



## HSG SECURES UNANIMOUS WIN AT U.S. SUPREME COURT IN *WAETZIG V. HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES, INC.*

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**N**ew York - On February 26, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled unanimously in favor of HSG's client, the petitioner in *Waetzig v. Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.* HSG partner Vincent Levy argued the case in January.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court held that cases, which are voluntarily dismissed without prejudice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a) are "final proceedings," and thus may be reopened under Federal Rule 60(b). In doing so, the Court reversed the decision of the Tenth Circuit, which had created a circuit split. Justice Alito delivered the opinion of the Supreme Court.

The HSG team also included of counsel Kevin Benish, associates Jack Millman, Byron Hazzard, law clerk Ariella Kahan, and former associate Aditi Shah. HSG worked alongside Spencer J. Kontnik and Austin M. Cohen of KONTNIK | COHEN, which handled the case in the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

The Supreme Court's decision is available [here](#).

The case was widely covered in publications including **Law360's Legal Lions of the Week**, **E&E News by Politico**, **The Denver Post**, **Law360**, **Westlaw Today**, **Courthouse News**, **USA Herald**, **Law Week Colorado**, **The National Law Journal**, and others.

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