

The Supreme Court - January 10, 2022

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Today, the Supreme Court of the United States granted certiorari in three cases:

Alfred Siegel v. John Fitzgerald, III, No. 21-441: This case, involving the Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2017 (“BJA”) applicable to Chapter 11 bankruptcies, presents the following question: Whether the BJA violates the uniformity requirement of the U.S. Constitution’s Bankruptcy Clause by increasing quarterly fees solely in U.S. Trustee districts.

United States v. Washington, et al., No. 21-404: This case, involving the intersection of federal and state workers’ compensation laws, presents the following question: Whether a state workers’ compensation law that applies exclusively to federal contract workers who perform services at a specified federal facility is barred by principles of intergovernmental immunity, or is instead authorized by 40 U.S.C. 3172(a), which permits the application of state workers’ compensation laws to federal facilities “in the same way and to the same extent as if the premises were under the exclusive jurisdiction of the State.”

Dexter Kemp v. United States, No. 21-5726: This case, involving the interpretation of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b)(1), which authorizes relief from final judgment based on “mistake,” as well as inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect, presents the following question: Whether Rule 60(b)(1) authorizes relief based on a district court’s error of law.

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