

PERRIN FOURMY LOOKS AT SCOTX CASE REGARDING NEGLIGENT HIRING CLAIMS, WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN TEXAS

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In a Bloomberg Law "Insight" piece, Bell Nunnally attorney Perrin B. Fourmy looks at the Supreme Court of Texas' ruling in Endeavor Energy Resources LP v. Cuevas, a case involving negligent hiring claims and with implications for property owners that hire companies for construction projects on their property. He notes that the court's decision in the matter – concerning an employee injured while building an oil rig – is impactful as it creates greater protections for property owners, and is of particular significance to the construction industry in Texas, where owners may now increasingly use Chapter 95 defenses. This case was also significant outside of the Chapter 95 context because it affirmed that negligent hiring claims in any context require proving two instances of negligence – negligence related to the injury causing incident and negligence in the hiring phase.

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