



Lawyers Weigh In On Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby Ruling

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Steven Witt, associate in the Irvine office, was one of several lawyers providing insight on the *Law360* article discussing the significance of the Supreme Court's *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores Inc* decision.

"It is not clear how far-reaching today's decision will be," said Steven. "The court's opinion seemed to limit itself to the contraceptive mandate only, and would not seem to jeopardize other items typically covered under group plans, such as vaccinations and blood transfusions. In addition, the court warned that its decision should not be interpreted to provide a shield to employers to cloak illegal discrimination under the guise of claimed religious beliefs. In addition, even as to the contraception requirements, this decision likely will not extend to larger corporations with diverse ownership interests. Accordingly, there may be relatively few employers that fit the exemption created by the court's decision today."

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