



San Diego Partner Comments on AB 5 Exemption for Newspapers

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James C. Fessenden recently spoke with the *Daily Journal* regarding Assembly Bill 170, a bill that gives newspaper publishers until Jan. 1, 2021 to switch delivery drivers and other distributors from independent contractors to employees. AB 170 is a companion bill to AB 5 and is awaiting signature from Gov. Gavin Newsom. James explains that AB 5 could do more harm to industries outside of the gig economy, estimating that there are more than double the number of contractors than gig economy workers. He says, "I don't think anyone can say with a straight face that this bill only affects the gig economy."

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