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UNANIMOUS MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT OPINION AFFIRMING DISMISSAL



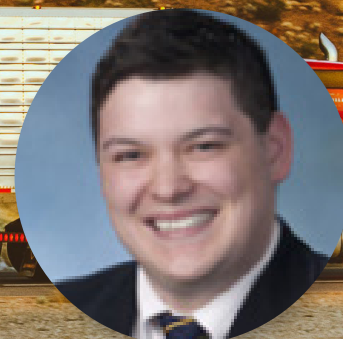
DunbarMonroe, PLLC, The Gavel's Mississippi law firm member, recently obtained a unanimous Mississippi Supreme Court opinion affirming dismissal of a Plaintiff's claims against a major U.S. motor carrier. 2023 WL 7870080, -So. 3d-(Miss. 2023). The Plaintiff-Appellant filed suit in Mississippi seeking damages for a truck accident that took place in Arizona, suing a North Carolina based truck company. According to the Plaintiff, the United States Supreme Court's recent decision in Mallory v. Norfolk Southern Railway Company, 600 U.S. 112 (2023) required a finding of personal jurisdiction over an out-of-state trucking company that registered to do business under Mississippi's Business Corporations Act.

The Mississippi Supreme Court disagreed. In what is one of the first state Supreme Court cases across the country after the United States Supreme Court's opinion in Mallory, the Mississippi Supreme Court confirmed that "[n]either the relevant Mississippi statutes nor Mississippi case law provide that by registering to do business in this state, [a company] consent[s] to general personal jurisdiction." A contrary finding would have opened to suit any business operating within Mississippi for any action that may have taken place in a different state. Instead, the Mississippi Supreme Court concluded that "[t]he trial court correctly found that it did not have personal jurisdiction in this case." Attorneys David Dunbar and Christopher Dunnells of DunbarMonroe successfully prevailed for their client.



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