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LAST TERM IN THE SUPREME COURT



Licensee May Continue Using a Trademark after Rejection, Supreme Court Rules

Mission Product Holdings Inc. v. Tempnology LLC, 139 S. Ct. 1652, 203 L. Ed. 2d 876 (May 20, 2019).

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- Why did it take 34 years to overrule *Lubrizol*?
- Do trademark licensees have more rights than licensees of patent or real estate?
- Why did the court rely on state law rather than policies allegedly evident in the Bankruptcy Code?
- Does it matter that *Mission Product* makes debtors less able to reorganize and pay creditors?



Court Rejects Strict Liability for Discharge Violations

Taggart v. Lorenzen, 139 S. Ct. 1795, 204 L. Ed. 2d 129 (June 3, 2019).

Rochelle Materials page 13.







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