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Supreme Court Holds State AG Actions Not Removable As Mass Actions Under CAFA

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In a unanimous opinion authored by Justice Sotomayor, the Supreme Court in Mississippi ex rel. Hood v. AU Optronics Corp. (slip opinion) has held that a parens patriae suit filed by the State of Mississippi seeking restitution for injuries suffered by the State's citizens is not a "mass action" that may be removed to federal court under the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 ("CAFA").