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Megan Brown Quoted on Supreme Court Decisions in Global Warming Suits

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Wiley Rein partner Megan Brown commented on two recent Supreme Court decisions involving global warming suits. The Court in January denied review of *Ned Comer et al. vs. Murphy Oil USA et al.*, in which a group of Mississippi residents alleged that a group of energy companies contributed to global warming, which in turn allegedly worsened property damage during Hurricane Katrina. In another case, which reached the Supreme Court first, *American Electric Power Co. Inc. et al. vs. State of Connecticut et al.*, the Court in December agreed to review the Second Circuit's decision to allow to proceed a suit which involved a group of states and conservancy groups seeking to limit greenhouse emissions by power plants. "I would love for them to be signaling they're going to reverse *AEP*, but I don't think that was the only factor in their decision to reject *Comer*," Ms. Brown said. "It's more a product of the procedural posture that *Comer* was up on and the tactical choices that the petitioners made," she concluded.

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