

U.S. Supreme Court to Weigh In on Personal Jurisdiction as State Courts Have Gone Rogue

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Ever since the United States Supreme Court's 2014 decision in <u>Daimler A.G. v. Bauman, 134 S. Ct. 746 (2014)</u>, in which the Court held that general personal jurisdiction exists over a corporation only where the corporation is fairly regarded as "at home," many plaintiffs and state courts have attempted to distinguish <u>Daimler</u> in an effort to expand the boundaries of a court's exercise of personal jurisdiction. It should come as no surprise then that the U.S. Supreme Court, with five personal jurisdiction cases before it and its <u>Daimler</u> decision seemingly under attack, ultimately decided to grant review of two such cases in 2017: <u>BNSF Railway Co. v. Tyrrell</u>, and <u>Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v. The Superior Court of San Francisco County</u>, which attack the <u>Daimler</u> holding from very different perspectives.