

OPEN THREAD: SCOTUS DECISIONS, FRIDAY EDITION

[NB: check the byline, thanks. /~Rayne]

We're still in the end-of-term desk clearing zone at the Supreme Court. SCOTUS released a whopping six decisions today.

Decisions released:

FDA v. R.J. Reynolds Vapor Co.

Justice Barrett lead the 7-2 decision.

See:

https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/24pdf/23-1187_olp1.pdf

Esteras v. United States

Justice Barrett also lead this 7-2 decision with Justice Alito and Gorsuch dissenting.

See:

https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/24pdf/23-7483_6k4c.pdf

McLaughlin Chiropractic Associates, Inc. v. McKesson Corporation

Justice Kavanaugh wrote the 6-3 decision.

See:

https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/24pdf/23-1226_1a72.pdf

Diamond Alternative Energy LLC v. Environmental Protection Agency

Surprisingly, Justice Kavanaugh wrote this 7-2 decision and not Thomas who wrote Wednesday's two decisions related to the EPA.

See:

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/24pdf/24-78m58.pdf>

Stanley v. City of Sanford, Florida

Justice Gorsuch lead this 7-2 decision, although concurrence and dissent are a bit of a mish-mash:

■ GORSUCH, J., delivered the opinion of

the Court with respect to Parts I and II, in which ROBERTS, C. J., and THOMAS, ALITO, KAGAN, KAVANAUGH, and BARRETT, JJ., joined, and an opinion with respect to Part III, in which ALITO, SOTOMAYOR, and KAGAN, JJ., joined. THOMAS, J., filed an opinion concurring in part and concurring in the judgment, in which BARRETT, J., joined. SOTOMAYOR, J., filed an opinion concurring in part and dissenting in part. JACKSON, J., filed a dissenting opinion, in which SOTOMAYOR, J., joined as to Parts III and IV, except for n. 12.

See:

https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/24pdf/23-997_6579.pdf – you might want to read this one closely as it pertains to disability rights and nearly all of us at some point in our lives has been employed and been/will be disabled.

Fuld v. Palestine Liberation Organization

Chief Justice Roberts wrote the opinion.

See:

https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/24pdf/24-20_f2bh.pdf

Of these six decisions I note that Justice Kagan wrote one dissent joined by Justices Sotomayor and Jackson in the matter of *McLaughlin Chiropractic*. She's otherwise joined the conservatives. Hmm.

In my opinion, the big decision we are waiting for with the end of the term is *Trump v. CASA Inc.* regarding nationwide injunctions blocking executive orders, in this particular case related to birthright citizenship.

That this decision has not already been released disturbs me; it feels like Roberts is holding it off until SCOTUS can make a clean getaway at the very end of the term next week. But is Roberts preparing to flee the wrath of Trump and his Wormtongue Miller, or the wrath of the people?