

LEGAL UPDATE: SUPREME COURT RULING ON "OBAMACARE"

On June 28th, we received the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on the constitutionality of the health care mandate under "ObamaCare" (The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).

The Court **upheld the individual health care mandate as constitutional**(which requires individuals to maintain "minimum essential" health care coverage, unless an exemption applies), but **invalidated the provision of the Act that threatened to withdraw existing Medicaid funds** from any state that fails to comply with the Act's expansion of Medicaid to increase the number of people states must cover.

Many of our clients have been anxiously awaiting the Court's opinion in this case, so we wish to share with you the concise summary of Chief Justice Roberts' opinion prepared by the Labor and Employment Law Section of the State Bar of California, found at http://dfeh.ca.gov/Publications_CaseLawAlerts.htm. For those ambitious enough to read the full 193-page opinion, a link to the opinion is provided at the bottom of the State Bar's summary.

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