

SCOTUS: *Lawson, et al.* v. *FMR LLC, et al.*: SOX Whistleblower Protections Cover Employees of Private Contractors of Public Companies

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In *Lawson, et al. v. FMR LLC, et al.*, the Supreme Court of the United States held that the anti-retaliation whistleblower protections of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 apply to employees of privately held contractors where the contractor performs work for a public company. This means that a private firm contracting with a public company is subject to a federal court action if it discharges or otherwise discriminates against its own employee because the employee reported that the public company violated certain provisions of federal law.

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