

Supreme Court shook up patent venue in 2017

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Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court made clear that venue in patent cases based on where a corporation “resides” is limited to its state of incorporation. *TC Heartland LLC v. Kraft Foods Group Brands LLC*, 137 S. Ct. 1514 (2017). This overturned the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit’s long-standing rule that patent venue exists wherever a corporation is subject to personal jurisdiction. The result has been a dramatic change to patent lawsuit filings, including reducing filings in the Eastern District of Texas, previously the nation’s most popular venue.

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