

# The Importance of a Forum Selection Clause

A Davis Wright Tremaine **post** illustrates the application of a forum selection clause in a contract.

In *Down-Lite International, Inc. v. Chad Altbaier*, a federal magistrate judge denied defendant's motion to transfer venue from Ohio to California largely because the parties' forum selection clause designated Ohio as the venue for disputes.

*Down-Lite's* holding illustrates that courts tend to enforce forum selection clauses unless there is a compelling showing of prejudice to the party opposing the agreed-upon forum, according to the post.

**Read the article.**