Supreme Court to Clarify Applicability of Arbitration Act to Transportation Contracts

The U.S. Supreme Court has granted certiorari in *New Prime Inc. v. Oliveira*, which should provide guidance as to the circumstances in which the Federal Arbitration Act (FAA) applies to interstate transportation workers who are purported independent contractors, according to the **Transportation Blog** of Holland & Knight.

"The case will be important for in-house and private transactional attorneys who draft contracts with transportation sector independent contractors, as well as litigators handling employee misclassification cases," the article's authors write.

They explain: "Over the past several years, a spate of class action litigation has targeted the long-standing use of owner-operator truck drivers as independent contractors, with drivers claiming that they should be classified as employees. The contract between the motor carrier and the driver often contains an arbitration clause, but drivers typically file these cases in court, leading to a fight over the proper forum."

Read the article.