

High Court Case Could Foil Government Suits Over Job Bias

✘ The Supreme Court could put the brakes on the Obama administration's growing crackdown against companies facing claims of discrimination against women, minorities and other protected groups, the Associated Press reports.

Justices will hear arguments Tuesday in a case that considers whether employers can defend discrimination lawsuits by asserting that government lawyers did not try hard enough to settle claims before going to court.

The AP says companies are complaining increasingly about the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "systemic litigation" program, which turns individual complaints of bias into high-stakes class-action cases on behalf of dozens or even hundreds of workers.

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