Top U.S. Court to Consider Curbing Texas Suits by Patent Holders

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to consider putting sharp new limits on where patent-infringement lawsuits can be filed, accepting a case that may undercut patent owners' ability to channel cases to favorable courts, **reports Bloomberg**.

The case involves an appeal by TC Heartland LLC, an Indiana-based maker of water flavorings that says a Kraft Heinz Co. unit shouldn't be allowed to sue it in Delaware, reports **Greg Stohr**.

"A victory for Heartland would also bar most patent owners from pressing cases in the Eastern District of Texas, a patent-friendly jurisdiction where more than a third of all infringement suits are now filed," Stohr explains. "Heartland's appeal has support from a group of internet retailers and software companies, as well as the financial-services industry."

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