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Supreme Court Overrules Chevron; Courts Must Determine "Best" Meaning of Statutes Without Deference



Here's a teaser from this <u>Client Update</u>: "The Supreme Court of the United States has overruled *Chevron U.S.A. Inc. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.* For 40 years, if an agency was interpreting an "ambiguous" provision of a statute it administers, the agency's interpretation need not be the *best* or *most* reasonable interpretation. Agencies were free to change their minds, and in some instances, important questions of public policy would swing back and forth with changing presidential administrations.

After *Loper Bright Enterprises*, et. al. v. Raimondo, et. al., deference to merely reasonable agency interpretations is over, as is agency flip-flopping rooted in "*Chevron* deference." The long-term result will be to empower courts and regulatory challengers at the expense of executive branch agencies, and the change may be significant in some places."

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