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SCOTUS HEARS ORAL ARGUMENTS IN FREIGHT BROKER LIABILITY CASE ORIGINALLY DEFENDED BY ARMSTRONG TEASDALE

The United States Supreme Court today heard oral arguments in *Montgomery v. C.H. Robinson Worldwide*, a closely watched case expected to provide long-awaited clarity for freight brokers regarding their potential liability for claims related to independent contractor motor carriers.

At issue is whether the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act (FAAAA) preempts certain common law claims asserting that freight brokers are liable for the actions of independent contractor motor carriers when operating on the nation's roadways. The Supreme Court's decision is expected to provide important guidance for the logistics industry nationwide.

[Matt Reh](#), Partner and Litigation Practice Group Leader at Armstrong Teasdale, who served as lead counsel on the case in the federal trial and appellate courts, says the Supreme Court's decision will have significant implications for the industry. "This is an industry defining issue and will re-shape the logistics industry."

Reh handled the case with [Paul Brusati](#) and [Julie Fix Meyer](#), also of Armstrong Teasdale. All three attorneys are based in the firm's St. Louis office.

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