

Archer Prevails in Bi-State Regulations Case

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Decision Clarifies Regulatory Relationship Between the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission and Bordering States

Haddonfield, NJ – October 13, 2021 – Archer, a full-service law firm, has prevailed before the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission in *Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission v. Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry*, in a matter involving a dispute directly between the Commission and the Commonwealth.

The dispute concerned the interpretation of an interstate compact between Pennsylvania and New Jersey that created the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission. The Court allowed to stand a declaratory judgment obtained from the District Court that prohibited the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry from regulating aspects of the Commission's new Scudder Falls Administration Building in Bucks County, PA.

The Commission was represented by Archer attorneys, Shelley R. Smith, Carlton L. Johnson, Jeffrey M. Scott, and John C. Connell who was counsel of record.

Archer attorneys have handled dozens of cases on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court and have advocated in front of the U.S. Supreme Court on three previous occasions.

"This case is a great example of the highly sophisticated and nuanced matters in which our attorneys are adept in handling," said Christopher Gibson, President of Archer. "Our firm has a long history in representing state governmental agencies such as the Commission, as well as extensive experience doing business with the U.S. Supreme Court."

The previous U.S. Supreme Court cases include Pennsylvania Railroad Company v. George M. Day, Administrator Ad Litemof the Estate of Charles A. DePriest; Lindmark Associates, Inc. and William Mellman v. Township of Willingboro and

Gerald Daly; Joseph Matal, Interim Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office v. Summon Shiao TAM.

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