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Law360 Quotes Locke Lord's Rusty Perdew on Murky Personal Jurisdiction Guidelines Post SCOTUS' Decision in *Mallory v. Norfolk Southern Railway*

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Rusty Perdew, Chicago Partner and member of Locke Lord's Board of Directors, was quoted by Law360 on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Mallory v. Norfolk Southern Railway*, which ruled that companies registered to do business in Pennsylvania can be sued there even when the state has little connection to the case. Perdew notes that although the decision is based on a Supreme Court case from 1917, the decision is a big change in recent decisions from the Court, which had consistently narrowed jurisdiction in similar cases in a series of decisions over the last 10 years.

"After the 2014 decision in *Daimler AG v. Bauman*, the guidelines for personal jurisdiction effectively became: you can sue where you are injured, or where the company you are suing is incorporated or headquartered," Perdew said. "This decision eliminates those and leaves the jurisdictional questions up to a matter of state law."

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