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# SCOTUS Broadens White House Influence Over ‘Independent’ Agencies

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[Misha Tseytlin](#), a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke’s [Appellate + Supreme Court](#) Practice Group, was quoted in the July 8, 2026, *Corporate Compliance Insights* article, “[SCOTUS Broadens White House Influence Over ‘Independent’ Agencies](#).”

“With the threat of removal at any time hanging over folks’ heads, they’re much more likely to take direction from the White House in terms of the priorities and where they put their resources,” said Misha Tseytlin, a partner at Troutman Pepper Locke who has argued before the Supreme Court.

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But Tseytlin takes a different tack: The ruling, he argues, may make agencies easier to read or at least more scheduled in terms of when companies need to make those reads. An independent agency’s posture used to move in the president’s general direction but on its own timeline — slowed by fixed terms and checked by a protected minority, so most agencies didn’t exactly mirror the White House’s timing. An agency’s stance now aligns directly with the president’s, and can be anticipated the same way companies have long anticipated the more nakedly political agencies.

“It should almost make it more predictable, because now you can handicap what you expect,” Tseytlin told CCI. “If you see whatever happens in November of a presidential year, you pretty much handicap how the NLRB is going to act, the same way you’re currently handicapping how EPA is going to act.” The whole ship of the executive branch, as he put it, now moves together — one rubric instead of two.

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