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Supreme Court Hears Arguments on Scope of Federal Judicial Rulings

NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA (May 15, 2025) – Today, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Trump v. CASA, Inc.*, considering whether to stay or modify three federal courts' nationwide preliminary injunctions related to an executive order addressing birthright citizenship. Based on the arguments presented by the parties, it appears that the principal issue before the Court is not about whether the Fourteenth Amendment enshrines birthright citizenship, but whether individual federal trial court judges can issue rulings with nationwide effect.

As we await the Court's decision, the American College of Trial Lawyers reaffirms its commitment to the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary, and the constitutional principles that govern our democracy. This case highlights the importance of checks and balances as a safeguard within our constitutional structure — ensuring that actions by any branch of government are subject to legal review. While views on particular rulings may differ, respect for judicial decisions remains a cornerstone of our legal system.

We will continue to monitor this case as it progresses and reiterate our support for a judiciary that applies the law fairly and impartially, in accordance with the Constitution.

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